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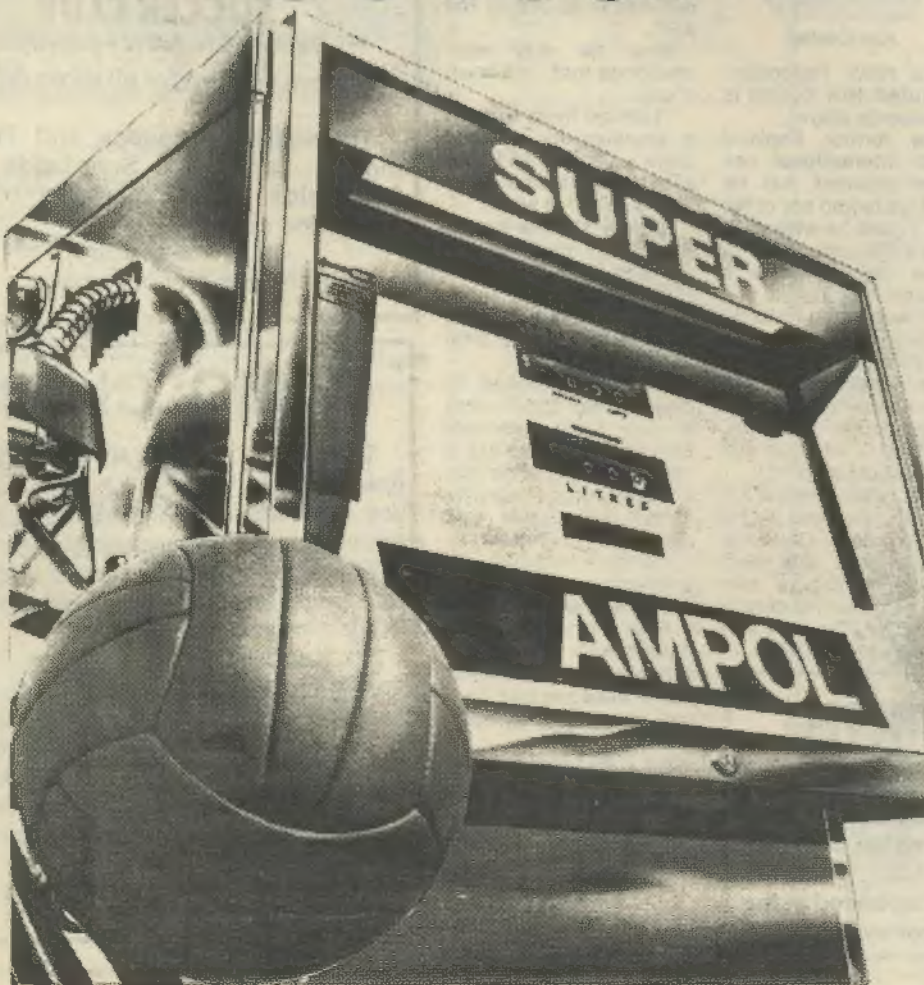
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STRIKE THREAT TO WEEKEND PSL ROUND

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The first round of the 1981 Philips League is threatened by a massive dislocation, because of the airport radar technicians' strike.

Seven of the 16 teams face air travel this weekend and the best they can expect is considerable delays.

Last Sunday some flights to Sydney were up to three hours late.

Philips League manager Paul Kemp has suggested to all clubs that they should travel the day before the match.

Brisbane Lions, to play Blacktown in Sydney on Saturday, will fly on Friday afternoon.

The chances are that all teams will turn up in time to play their first round games.

However, the journey back home will be more perilous.

All will want to fly out about 7pm or 8pm and some may be at the various airport terminals for hours before getting on a plane.

So the annual hazards of Australian soccer have emerged early in the season.

Last Saturday the Sydney Ampol Cup matches had to be cancelled because of the weather — and now strike threatens the first PSL round...

• Full PSL preview on page 7.



One in — one out...Last Sunday Olympic's Tommy Docherty and St. George's Frank Arok met at Barton Park. Olympic have taken the Saints' place in the PSL — but Arok is plotting his team's return in 1982 — possibly at the expense of Olympic.

LEAGUE WILL GET AUTONOMY

The Philips League will gain its corporate independence within about three weeks.

A separate body, called Australian Soccer League, a limited liability company is being registered and will "trade" under the name of Philips Soccer League.

The current executive

members of the PSL will become members of its Initial Board.

This new autonomy will enable the League to sign legal contracts which, so far, they had to do through the ASF.

Once the company's registration has been accepted, the ASF will cease to be financially responsible for any of

the PSL's debts or commitments.

Of course, the PSL will be affiliated with the ASF and, as such, will still come under its jurisdiction.

But it will now renew its bid to gain representation on the ASF executive which has been denied to them in the past.

Doctors wanted

The League last weekend decided that a doctor must be present at all matches.

They have also made changes to a penalty point system, concerning "dissent."

In future, verbal dissent will incur only two penalty points and dissent with action four points.

Until now, dissent of any kind drew four penalty points.

By Paul James

Auburn's Argentinian striker HECTOR MARTINEZ has been placed on the transfer list by the club for \$8,000. Club president RON BOWMAN said Auburn hadn't been able to come to an agreement with Hector over terms for the year and had decided to transfer him. He still has one year of his contract to run with the club. Ron added that the transfer fee was negotiable.

North Sydney have received word from their Scottish import TOMMY STEVEN to say he's expected to arrive in Australia within 10 days.

GREG LYNCH has been appointed club captain at Bankstown. Greg is a product of the Bankstown district, having played with both Pan Hellenic and Hakoah before returning to the team in 1978. He is a former Australian Under-23 representative.

Manly have placed GRAHAM FIRRELL on the transfer list after he couldn't agree on terms with the club for the 1981 season.

North Sydney Inter's coach PHIL BOTTALICO is still in hospital after suffering acute appendicitis attack the other week. Phil received prompt treatment, but seems to be suffering from a secondary infection and will remain in Lewisham hospital for a while.

STEWART REAGAN, Manly's off-season buy from New Zealand, has already made a name for himself after only one match in the Ampol Cup. Melita officials were raving about him and said he was "definitely PSL material."

Melita played only four players last week against Manly who were regulars in the 1980 State League premiership side: JOHN STODDART, DON ALLAN, RAY FARRUGIA and WAYNE PARKER.

Melita signed defender PAUL THOMSON from Bankstown last week and he was used in the Ampol Cup clash with Manly. Paul spent three years at Bankstown after joining them from St. George.

North Sydney Inter's stand-in coach for their match against Wollongong last week, ARCHIE BLUE rated MICK DALE as his side's best player in the match and a youngster to watch out for this year.

Bankstown are again fielding three Federation Youth teams and have been holding trials for boys over the past few weeks. Club secretary JIM GRIFFIN said because the club had promoted several talented boys from the youth sides into the Federation teams, they found they had to repair the 'holes' left behind. He predicts the club will again have three solid teams in the youth competitions.

North Sydney have signed PAUL GORTON who was training with Leichhardt, but who was unable to sign with them because of the import limit rule. Paul hails from England where he played with Wigan in the English Fourth Division.

BANKSTOWN have signed the contracts for their sponsorship during the 1981 season — with Globe Datsun of Bankstown. The club was initially worried that Marconi's deal with the Datsun dealers throughout the State would upset their individual deal, but luckily they were not affected.

St. George will play a friendly match in Canberra on Sunday, February 21, against an amateur team now coached by former Saint star Vic Fernandez.

Melita's VERNON DARVILL has been sidelined with a painful foot injury. Vernon has a spur on his heel and has been under doctor's direction for some time in an effort to cure the infection. Melita's president EMMANUEL SAID said the club was told Vernon would be out of action for about a month.

CLUB PATROL



Cassettari at his best.

Get ready for a battle royal...

Manly may soon have an exciting battle going on for the first team goalkeeping spot.

At present Mark Dower holds the position, having done such an able job last year.

But the man he replaced, Chris Cassettari, is now back to full fitness and is keen to have his old spot back.

Chris suffered a serious injury last year in

the first league match of the season when he collided with a North Sydney player and broke his jaw and suffered a depressed fracture of the cheek.

The injury sidelined him for months, and he was only able to make a comeback as the season drew to a close — and then in the seconds.

Last week Mark again played brilliantly for Manly, so the choice of who to select will be a tough one.

NO "IFS"



Roy Cotton

The NSW Federation has ruled: Roy Cotton is a St. George player.

The former England youth international has earlier claimed that he was free to join any other club — and he wished to go to a PSL side.

The Saints claim a grammatical mistake in a letter was being used by the player as a weapon.

In this letter the Saints had allegedly agreed that Cotton was to be a free player "and" return to England — whereas the word should read "if."

The NSW Federation has now ruled that it's no ifs and buts — Cotton is a Saint and any club hoping to secure him must pay what his club is asking for him — which will be around \$10,000.

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DICK STEPS DOWN AT MANLY

It's a small world...

A few weeks ago Manly's former president George Dick had a visit from a stranger, Udo Kramer, now Manly's centre back.

He announced he was living in the Manly Warringah area and wanted to play for the team.

After a few trials Udo was signed up. The strange part is that Udo comes from a small Westfalen town in Germany, Lemgo — a town where in 1949 George Dick was stationed while doing his National Service in the British Army.

George Dick, for so long synonymous with Manly in the soccer community, has decided to take a back seat this year in the club's activities.

George, who has been club president for the past five years, has been appointed Manly's football director, while dedicated clubman and football extrovert Jim Scane has been appointed president.

George has been associated with Manly for 13 years and in that time has worked tirelessly to get the club established in the First Division/State League, then to get a ground and finally to try and build a club house.

Jim drew national and world wide attention in 1974 when he accompanied the Socceroos to West Germany as 'Numero Uno' supporter, decked out in a fancy jacket with the names of the Socceroo touring party emblazoned upon it.

SEASONED STARS WAIT



George Harris

The search goes on relentlessly for reliable, experienced players — and two of them are waiting on the sideline.

One is George Harris, former Socceroo defender, 31, the other is ex-Argentinian striker Raul Carrizo, 29.

Harris spent a season with Blacktown, having been given a free transfer earlier by the Saints for 12 years of great service.

Blacktown slapped a \$6,000 transfer tag on Harris — but this was reduced to \$3,000 by the ASF.

Now he may even challenge that, in a court of law.

"I joined them without a transfer fee, played there a year — and they ask for a transfer fee," Harris said this week.

"Doesn't make sense. Blacktown told me the fee was to recoup what they had paid me."

"Since when do you try to recover wages paid for services?"

He is determined to play in 1981 and, unless a club comes forward with the \$3,000, Harris is quite prepared to go into a lengthy legal battle to assert his rights and establish a precedent.

Carrizo returned to Sydney recently, after a few years overseas.

First he played with Bellinzona in Switzerland, then in California in the American Soccer League as player-coach.

He has been training with Marconi for several weeks but he is free to join any club — without a transfer fee.

Are our Sydney clubs so full of talent that they can ignore two such accomplished players?

Finch flies to 'town

Bankstown have signed a youngster from Blacktown City. Steven Finch was signed by Bankstown who feel he will fit in with their plans.

Club secretary Jim Griffin said that Bankstown would look primarily towards the Bankstown district this year for players.

"After all," he said, "everyone else is."

Nearly every State League team has a player who played his junior soccer in the Bankstown district.

"Our aim is to get them all back to the club — or at least to prevent any more talent being lured away," he said.

AUBURN HOMELESS

Auburn officials received their copy of the NSW State League draw last week and immediately started on their annual search for alternate venues for the first few rounds.

"As Mona Park is a council ground, we can't get on it until March," said Auburn president Ron Bowman.

"That means we have to play our first five matches away from home — a situation that naturally doesn't please our treasurer."

"What makes matters even worse is that in Round 5 we are drawn to play Inter Monaro in Queanbeyan, the same day as our committee should be in Sydney for the Annual General meeting of the club," Ron said.

"It's going to make it very hard for us, but I suppose we're used to hardships," Ron added.

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AMPOL CUP

ABONYI'S CREW FACES SAINTS

— By Paul James —

As if to tease the Ampol Cup organisers, Sydney woke to brilliant sunshine last Sunday — while both Friday and Saturday were memorable only for the volumes of rain that fell on the city.

Friday's matches were watched by only a handful of hardy fans, but Saturday's games were quite rightly called off, as the playing conditions were atrocious.

Both Wollongong and Manly showed they will provide stiff tests for all opponents in the Cup and hopefully on into the season.

This Friday — weather permitting — Canterbury takes on Bankstown while St. George and Arncliffe battle it out, both at St. George's Stadium in Barton Park.

Canterbury have been very quiet during the off season, and most clubs are very cautious about the Berries as opponents.

Bankstown have a slightly reshaped team for the new year, basing themselves on local talent.

Canterbury finished the season very well last year and it will be interesting to see if they can continue on such a good line.

Bankstown's memories of last year's Cup should be enough to fire them to do well again, and we tip a close match, possibly a draw.

The Saints having finally accepted their fate, have now got on with the task of rebuilding.

Arok has always proved a tough task master, but his discipline is tempered with logic which has brought him results in the past.

Both Duarte and Griffiths have returned to the fold and will be great assets throughout the year, as will be the new Yugoslav recruits.

Riverwood's coach is one of Arok's former disciples, Attila Abonyi.

The clash will be doubly interesting, if just for that the meeting of these two astute soccer minds.

But for Riverwood the match also carried the weight of the season and the question everyone is asking is: Can Attila do it with Riverwood?

Again, this looks like a close encounter, with Riverwood perhaps having a slight edge.

On Saturday Auburn tackles Sutherland at Seymour Shaw before Avala and Polonia meet in the late match.

Sutherland are reeling from a series of injuries and incidents that have put several valuable players out of action.

Auburn, meanwhile, look very much like a team ready to fire.

Their line-up is basically unchanged, though the forward line has lost its two star performers.

Hector Martinez is on transfer and won't play, while Mark Ross is now with Melita.

We feel an Auburn win is likely here.

Polonia make their debut on the State League stage with a match against a team coached by a former Polonia great — Kaz Kulak.

Both teams have a decidedly Continental touch about them which should make for some entertaining soccer.

MELITA v MANLY

2-2(1-1)

Manly again proved a bogey team for the Eagles, and in fact went into the lead after 23 minutes.

Stewart Reagan, who proved a thorn in Melita's defence all night made a great run into the box and while the defenders backed away from him he struck out.

The shot was well covered by Luxford, but the greasy conditions saw the ball spin out of his hands and David Jack banged the ball home.

However, the rain helped Melita too in their first goal.

Don Allan, racing through on the right, fired in a sharp shot at Dower, who couldn't hold the ball and Mark Ross confirmed his poaching ability by snapping up the equaliser.

In the 63rd minute Allan again drove a fine shot goalwards — but this time Dower couldn't reach the ball and Melita took the lead.

Deservedly, Manly found heart to get the equaliser in the 67th minute.

MELITA: Luxford 3, Thompson 3, McCoy 2, Daley 3, Martin 3, Berry 4, W. Parker (Williams 74m), Farrugia 3, D. Allan 4, Stoddart 4, Ross 4 (70m).

MANLY: Dower 4, Brogan 3, Doyle 3, Kramer 4, Hiscock 3, Geoghan 3, Jack 4, Fox 3, Reagan 5, Vale 3, Chapman 3.
Goals: 0-1 Jack (23m), 1-1 Ross (41m), 2-1 Allan (62m), 2-2 Reagan (67m).
Referee: B. Fowler;
crowd: 500 (double header)

NORTH SYDNEY v WOLLONGONG 0-0

The match was marred by atrocious playing conditions: rain pelted down on players and spectators alike for the entire 90 minutes on the exposed Seymour Shaw Ground.

North Sydney clearly dominated the first 45 minutes, but Wollongong showed they had more to offer than they provided.

In the second period the United team came forward with more urgency and purpose.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli 4, Matheson 4, O'Rourke 3, Henratty 3, J. Bottalico 4, Porter 3, A. Bottalico 3, (Rettore 86m), Mitchell 3, Termesano 3 (Gorton 73m), Dale 3, Wilson 3.

WOLLONGONG: Bruce 4, Montecchi 4, Campbell 4, Daskovski 4, R. Sattin 4, Vuziovski 3, Petkovski 4, Terziovski 4, P. Giraldi 3 (Drain), R. Giraldi, Naumovski.

Referee: T. Davies;
crowd: 500 (double header)

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Auburn v Sutherland 6.45pm
Avala v Polonia 8.30pm
(at Seymour Shaw)

NEXT WEEK

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Nth. Sydney Int. v Manly 6.45pm
St. George v Parramatta 8.30pm
(at Seymour Shaw)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Croatia v Riverwood 6.45pm
Canterbury v Fairy Meadow 8.30pm
(at St. George Stadium)

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No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Peter MARSHALL	Goalkeeper	24	Birkalla, SA
2	Bobby RUSSELL	Fullback	25	Croatia, NSW
3	Bogdan NYSKOHUS	Fullback	30	Lions, SA
4	John BESIR	Sweeper	29	Beograd, SA
5	David JONES	Stopper	25	West Adelaide
6	Glen DODS	Fullback	23	In New Zealand
7	Agenor MUNIZ	Midfielder	29	Sydney City
8	John PERIN	Midfielder	29	Juventus Juniors
9	Gary MAROCCHI	Midfielder	25	Tricolore, Perth
10	John NYSKOHUS	Striker	29	Lions, SA
11	David MITCHELL	Striker	18	Enfield Victoria, SA
12	Brian NORTHCOTE	Midfielder	24	Granville, NSW
13	Sergio MELTA	Midfielder	21	Birkalla, SA
14	Peter RANKIN	Striker	16	Enfield Victoria, SA
15	Greg BUCK	Striker	19	Elizabeth, SA
16	Charles VILLANI	Striker	18	Adelaide City Juniors
17	Luciano SIGNORE	Striker	18	Adelaide City Juniors
18	Tony MERCURIO	Defender	20	Adelaide City Juniors
19	Chris MILLER	Defender	20	Adelaide City Juniors
20	Chris MINOU	Defender	17	Salisbury, SA
21	Mark CAMPBELL	Defender	17	Adelaide City Juniors
22	Steve PERESSIN	Goalkeeper	19	Adelaide City Juniors

ADELAIDE HAWKS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Martyn CROOK	Goalkeeper	24	Para Hills, SA
2	Peter TYMSCZYNSKY	Fullback	24	Brisbane Lions
3	David PILLANS	Striker	32	West Adelaide, SA
4	Neil MCGACHEY	Midfielder	28	In Scotland
5	Shraga TOPAZ	Defender	30	Hakoah, Melbourne
6	Vic BOZANIC	Midfielder	23	Polonia
7	Peter BOYLE	Midfielder	29	Port Adelaide
8	MANECAS	Striker	28	Bera Mar, Portugal
9	Tim BROWN	Striker	19	Para Hills, SA
10	Graeme HONEYMAN	Midfielder	27	Sydney City
11	Ian MCGREGOR	Midfielder	24	Elizabeth, SA
12	Zoran MARICIC	Fullback	24	Campbelltown
13	Gordon HAIG	Defender	23	Campbelltown
14	Neville FLOUNDERS	Midfielder	22	Sunderland, UK
15	Graham NORRIS	Striker	26	Azzurri, Adelaide
16	George KOULIANOS	Striker	21	Westad
17	Ian McKIE	Defender	18	Enfield
18	Steve ATSALAS	Striker	19	West Adelaide
19	David DOORN	Midfielder	17	Beograd
20	David MILLER	Goalkeeper	15	Para Hills, SA
21	Jim HUGHES	Striker	21	West Adelaide
22	Steve BAKER	Midfielder	20	West Adelaide
23	Tom TOTSIKAS	Defender	20	West Adelaide
24	Barry REYNOLDS	Fullback	33	Budapest

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Bruce JAMES	Goalkeeper	22	Blacktown Juniors
2	Robert WHEATLEY	Fullback	18	Kuringal, NSW
3	Steve POLLARD	Fullback	26	Manly, NSW
4	Mike MILOVANOVIC	Sweeper	20	Canberra City
5	Cliff POINTER	Stopper	26	Manly, NSW
6	Stuart SELVAGE	Midfielder	26	Marconi
7	Jovan DJORDJEVIC	Striker	30	Napredak, Yugoslavia
8	Ricky HORMAZABAL	Midfielder	28	In Santiago, Chile
9	Branko CULINA	Striker	22	Croatia, Vic.
10	Brian O'DONNELL	Midfielder	23	Leichhardt
11	Neil MANNING	Midfielder	20	Penrith
12	Mike QUARMBY	Midfielder	16	Blacktown Juniors
13	Peter CUK	Defender	24	Blacktown Juniors
14	Carlos ORTEGA	Midfielder	28	In Santiago, Chile
15	Tony RASMUSSEN	Defender	20	Nepean
16	Craig WALLACE	Striker	25	Sunnyside, Qld.
17	Neil PEARSON	Midfielder	19	Toongabbie
18	Dino MILOSEVIC	Striker	18	Newcastle KB
19	Don CAMPBELL	Defender	20	Nepean
20	Peter FREEMAN	Goalkeeper	26	Bankstown, NSW
21	Robert YOUSIPH	Midfielder	22	North Sydney

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Kim WISHART	Goalkeeper	23	St. Helens, Qld.
2	Jimmy DUNNE	Sweeper	34	Green Gully, Vic.
3	David RATCLIFFE	Stopper	23	Bradford City, UK
4	Peter TOKESI	Stopper	26	Mitchelton, Qld.
5	Steve PERRY	Fullback	26	Western Suburbs, NSW
6	Larry GAFFNEY	Midfielder	25	Wollongong, NSW
7	Joe PALINKAS	Striker	28	Footscray
8	Frank PIMBLETT	Midfielder	23	Newport Co., UK
9	Willie CONNER	Striker	26	Merton Juniors
10	Kevin LOW	Striker	28	Hamilton Acc. UK
11	Kevin CALDWELL	Fullback	27	Coalstars, Qld.
12	Barry KELSO	Striker	28	Redlands, Qld.
13	Mark BRUSASCO	Midfielder	20	The Gap, Qld.
14	Bobby HAMILTON	Midfielder	26	Rutherglen, UK
15	Paul WILKINSON	Striker	23	Blacktown
16	John McVEIGH	Striker	23	Airdrie, UK
17	Billy WILKINSON	Fullback	28	Alloa, UK
18	David VINCENZINO	Midfielder	19	Bris. City Juniors
19	Mike TRIPP	Fullback	23	Grange Thistle, Qld.
20	Martin COE	Goalkeeper	32	St. George
21	Paul BARRY	Defender	21	Grange Thistle
22	George Potter	Stopper	31	Halifax, UK

Squad details were supplied by clubs. However, even since collating these data changes have taken place — and will change even further.

Paton slams Rudi's methods



Australia's chances of qualifying for the World Cup finals in Spain have been affected by Rudi Gutendorf's coaching methods.

So reckons Jamie Paton the Heidelberg Warriors striker.

"We definitely have the players to qualify for Spain but they haven't been given the opportunity to settle into a team," Paton said.

"No Australian team has been the same for two games running.

"Everybody is so scared, they're only playing for themselves, because if they can do one little bit at least they're in the team for the next game."

Paton's outburst is the first by a Socceroo since the national team's overseas tour in November and December.

Reports from the tour about Gutendorf caused a minor uproar but the matter died a natural death when the ASF put a gag on the players and the coaches when they arrived back in Australia.

Paton was picked for the tour at the last minute but played only a limited part in it and was almost sent home after one incident.

He kept silent about it until he proved his potential last week when he scored Victoria's goal against Dinamo Zagreb.

"Before we left on the tour Rudi told me I was specifically taken to play up front with Gary (Cole) but that went out of the window when we left the country.

"Out of the eight matches, we were on the field together for a total of one hour and I never got a chance to show what I could do.

"It was the biggest thrill I'd had in soccer to get picked in the squad but at the end of the tour it was also my biggest disappointment."

Paton, 25, feels that nothing good came out of the tour "except for maybe Alan Davidson" and he doesn't think anyone should be over-pleased about it.

Paton was outspoken about Gutendorf's behaviour on the tour.

By Paul Galea

"The powers that be have already swept it under the carpet but they should remember he caused a fair bit of embarrassment for the ASF as well as the players," Paton said.

"He is supposed to be an ambassador as well as a coach and he should realise this before he blows up in public."

The striker says Gutendorf's biggest failure is the way he uses substitutes interminably.

"Rudi feels nothing for the players at all although they're keeping him in the job."

"Players get taken off even if they are doing the job they were told to do."

Players get completely demoralised by this but Paton has overcome it.

"It hasn't affected my form because it was a bonus for me to be there in the first place and I've taken it all very philosophically."

Despite Paton's outspoken comments he says that he would go again if he was asked to work under Gutendorf.

"I would probably go because it is represen-

ting Australia and if I can contribute towards furthering Australia's name in soccer I would just love to do it.

"Not many people get the opportunity and I regard it as a great honour to represent my country. I don't think anyone would refuse."

He says he'd like to think he still has a future in international soccer but a lot depends on who is in charge of the national team.



Jamie Paton

HUGH HERE

Top British TV soccer commentator Hugh Johns may come to live in Sydney.

He will arrive in May to be Channel O's anchor-man for the Philips League matches.

Channel O chief executive Bruce Gynge said last week that Johns might stay on if he liked the conditions.

BRISBANE LIONS

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2	Paul ONTONG	Fullback	24	Mooroolbark, Vic.
3	Alan Niven	Fullback	25	Wolverhampton, UK
4	Gerry LINDSAY	Midfielder	25	Southside Eagles, Irel.
5	Colin BENNETT	Stopper	30	APIA
6	Jim HERMISTON	Sweeper	33	Grange Thistle, Qld.
7	Steven HOGG	Midfielder	19	Canberra City
8	Jim McLean	Midfielder	21	Frejus, Denmark
9	Bobby FERRIS	Striker	24	Clyde, UK
10	Ron MILLMAN	Striker	25	Southside Eagles
11	Mark McNAUGHTON	Striker	24	Nelson Utd., NZ
12	Tom MCGREGOR	Striker	19	Lions Juniors
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17	Danny WRIGHT	Striker	16	Lions Juniors
18	Steven JACKSON	Fullback	16	Lions Juniors
19	Rich. BASSINGTHWAITE	Midfielder	15	St. Helens Juniors, Qld.
20	Nigel LOWNDES	Goalkeeper	24	Macclesfield, UK

CANBERRA ARROWS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Richard WILSON	Goalkeeper	24	Nelson Utd., NZ
2	Ken KAWALEWA	Fullback	26	Fiji
3	Roy STARK	Sweeper	27	Kwong Wah, H. Kong
4	Isaac FARRELL	Midfielder	23	Glasgow Rangers, UK
5	Harry WILLIAMS	Fullback	29	St. George
6	Terry BYRNE	Midfielder	22	Preston, U.K.
7	Don MACLAREN	Midfielder	21	Dunfermline, U.K.
8	Duncan COLE	Midfielder	22	Birkenhead, NZ
9	Sebastian GIAMPAOLO	Striker	21	Inter Monaro
10	Walter VALERI	Striker	25	Inter Monaro
11	Tony BRENNAN	Striker	24	Brisbane Lions
12	George BAILEY	Striker	21	English Juniors
13	John BROWN	Stopper	31	East London
14	Mark FRANCIS	Striker	20	Canberra Juniors
15	Steve HOSZOWSKI	Goalkeeper	25	Auburn

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Dennis BOLAND	Goalkeeper	30	In Hong Kong
2	Igor HAZABENT	Fullback	28	In Yugoslavia
3	Chris PETROU	Fullback	25	Kew Park, Vic.
4	Kyri KYRIAKOULEAS	Defender	21	Sth. Melbourne
5	Jim KONDARIOS	Defender	29	Keilor, Vic.
6	Slobodan JOVANOVIĆ	Midfielder	27	In Yugoslavia
7	Paul SIMIC	Striker	20	Footscray Juniors
8	Zoran ILIOSKI	Midfielder	23	Footscray Juniors
9	Joe PICIOANE	Midfielder	28	Footscray Juniors
10	Dragan VASIC	Striker	26	In Yugoslavia
11	Zdravko LUJIC	Striker	26	In Yugoslavia
12	Mirko RUJEVIC	Midfielder	35	In Yugoslavia
13				
14	Vlatko BELIC	Striker	19	Footscray Juniors
15	Shaun PARTON	Defender	19	Frankston City, Vic.
16	Jim O'REILLY	Defender	28	Heidelberg
17	Bruno COZZELLA	Striker	20	Altona City, Vic.
18	Jim MILNE	Defender	30	Scottish non-league

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Jeff OLVER	Goalkeeper	20	Albion, Vic.
2	Arthur McMILLAN	Fullback	33	Hamilton Acad. UK
3	Jim TANSEY	Fullback	27	Prahran Slavia, Vic.
4	John YZENDOORN	Midfielder	24	Prahran Slavia
5	Pat BANNON	Sweeper	32	Scottish non-league
6	Theo SELEMIDIS	Midfielder	20	South Melbourne
7	Jim ROONEY	Midfielder	33	Marconi
8	Jim CAMPBELL	Midfielder	25	English non-league
9	Jamie PATON	Striker	25	Prahran Slavia
10	George PAVLIDIS	Striker	20	South Melbourne
11	Andrew BOZIKAS	Striker	24	Vic. Amateur clubs
12	Charlie YANKOS	Defender	19	Polonia, Vic.
13	Bob PROVAN	Stopper	28	Scottish non-league
14	Ken TAYLOR	Midfielder	24	Scottish non-league
15	Gary COLE	Striker	25	Ringwood City
16	Jim WILLIAMS	Striker	25	Prahran Slavia
20	Jack REILLY	Goalkeeper	37	Juventus Vic.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Greg WOODHOUSE	Goalkeeper	21	Western Suburbs
2	Colin McCAUSLAND	Fullback	25	Melita Eagles, NSW
3	Rod SKELLERN	Fullback	22	Western Suburbs
4	Mark PULLEN	Fullback	22	APIA Juniors
5	Peter WILSON	Stopper	32	Western Suburbs
6	John COYNE	Midfielder	26	Brisbane City
7	Terry BUTLER	Striker	27	APIA
8	David HARDING	Midfielder	31	Blacktown City
9	Bill PIRIE	Striker	31	Dundee, UK
10	Frank LEYDEN	Striker	24	North Sydney, NSW
11	Phil O'CONNOR	Striker	25	St. George
12	John McKIE	Striker	20	Glenaffon, UK
13	Zredan KAFKA	Midfielder	32	Croatia
14	John BRADLEY	Midfielder	21	Dundee, UK
15	Jim BOTTALICO	Fullback	19	North Sydney, NSW
16	Robert PARKS	Goalkeeper	22	Cumberland, SA
21	David WATT	Fullback	17	APIA Juniors
22	Frank CASACCHIA	Fullback	17	APIA Juniors
23	Mark BROWN	Fullback	17	APIA Juniors
24	Ian GRAY	Midfielder	17	APIA Juniors
25	George SAVIDIS	Striker	17	APIA Juniors
26	Eddie ZACCOMER	Midfielder	17	APIA Juniors

MARCONI LEOPARDS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Alan MAHER	Goalkeeper	29	Bankstown
2	Peter BROGAN	Fullback	21	South Districts NSW
3	Paul DEONEY	Fullback	27	St. George
4	Tony HENDERSON	Sweeper	25	Canberra City
5	Ivo PRSKALO	Stopper	32	In Yugoslavia
6	Gary BYRNE	Midfielder	25	South Districts, NSW
7	Peter RASKOPOULOS	Midfielder	19	Sydney Olympic
8	Ian HUNTER	Striker	20	Blacktown City, NSW
9	Eddie KRNEVIC	Striker	20	Essendon Croatia, Vic.
10	Bertie MARIANI	Striker	24	Marconi Juniors
11	Peter SHARNE	Striker	24	Marconi Juniors
12	Ken LINDSAY	Midfielder	29	Western Suburbs, NSW
13	Jim MUIR	Fullback	31	Adelaide City
14	Mark JANKOVICS	Striker	23	St. George
16	Dragomir TOMASICH	Fullback	21	Marconi Juniors
17	Denis COLUSO	Midfielder	19	Marconi Juniors
20	Ron CORRY	Goalkeeper	37	Sydney Croatia

MELBOURNE GUNNERS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Peter LAUMETS	Goalkeeper	24	Preston, Vic.
2	Vince BANNON	Fullback	29	Frankston, Vic.
3	Alan DAVIDSON	Defender	21	Altona City, Vic.
4	Bertie LUTTON	Sweeper	31	Sydney City
5	Arthur XANTHOPOULOS	Stopper	24	Sth. Melb. Juniors
6	Bill ROGERS	Midfielder	30	APIA-Leichhardt, NSW
7	Sammy WRIGHT	Midfielder	23	Wolverhampton, UK
8	Geo. CHRISTOPOULOS	Midfielder	20	Coburg, Vic.
9	Duncan Cummings	Striker	23	Melbourne HSC, Vic.
10	Alun EVANS	Striker	31	Walsall, UK
11	Branko BULJEVIC	Striker	33	Heidelberg
12	Chris KALAFATIDIS	Defender	23	Vic. Juniors
13	Socrates NICOLAIDES	Midfielder	19	Sth. Melb. Juniors
14	George CAMPBELL	Striker	24	Aberdeen, UK
15	John STEVENSON	Midfielder	27	Sydney City
16	Jim SHIRRA	Midfielder	29	Dundee, FC, UK
17	Robert STEWART	Striker	19	Hearts of Mid. UK
18	Steve KAKANTONIS	Striker	20	Sth. Melb. Juniors
19	Steve BLAIR	Defender	18	Albion Robers, Vic.
20	Lou TSIGARAS	Goalkeeper	24	Vic. Juniors

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Phil DANDO	Goalkeeper	28	Brisbane Lions
2	Paul REANEY	Fullback	35	Bradford City
3	Howard TREDINNICK	Fullback	18	Lake Macquarie
4	Joe SENKALSKI	Midfielder	23	Sydney Olympic
5	Arno BERTOOGNA	Stopper	21	Azzurri, W.A.
6	Roy DRINKWATER	Sweeper	26	Brisbane Lions
7	Steve SUMNER	Midfielder	25	Christchurch Utd., N.Z.
8	Bob MOUNTFORD	Striker	28	Stockport, U.K.
9	David JONES	Striker	25	Macclesfield, U.K.
10	Graham HEYS	Striker	24	Altrincham, U.K.
11	Ian BUCKLEY	Midfielder	27	Cambridge Utd., U.K.
12	Craig MASON	Midfielder	23	Brigg Town, U.K.
13	Steve BURROWS	Striker	24	Stewarts & Lloyds, NSW
14	John SNEDDON	Defender	27	West Wallsend, NSW
15	Colin CURRAN	Fullback	32	Western Suburbs, NSW
16	David KAMASZ	Striker	23	Edgeworth, NSW
17	Malcolm McCLELLAND	Midfielder	20	Adamstown, NSW
18	Brett COWBURN	Defender	21	Toronto-Awaba, NSW
19	Grant STOREY	Midfielder	18	Edgeworth, NSW
20	Clint GOSLING	Goalkeeper	21	Mt. Wellington, N.Z.

PRESTON RAMS

No.	Names	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Lou KASTNER	Goalkeeper	33	Keilor, Vic.
2	Mike RAINEY	Fullback	27	Hakoah, Vic.
3	Stephen BEECH	Fullback	28	English non-league
4	Peter OLLERTON	Midfielder	29	Footscray
5	John HIGHAM	Stopper	26	Southport, UK
6	Jeff FAULKNER	Midfielder	25	English non-league
7	Robert CULLEN	Striker	23	George Cross, Vic.
8	Gordon FLAVELL	Defender	24	St. Albion, UK
9	George McMILLAN	Striker	28	Essendon, Vic.
10	Ljube PETROVSKI	Midfielder	24	Yugal, NSW
11	Gary WARD	Striker	25	Vancouver Whitecaps
12	Stuart CUNNINGHAM	Midfielder	26	Scottish non-league
13	Claude LUCCHESI	Midfielder	26	Juventus, Vic.
14	Eric LESBIER	Midfielder	29	In New Zealand
15	Con STOIKOS	Midfielder	19	Preston Juniors
16	Con OPASINIS	Striker	17	Preston Juniors

MUNIZ RETURNS TO FIRST LOVE

Agenor Muniz is back in Sydney — but not with Marconi, as predicted.

In the last minute he was signed by Sydney City for \$16,000 from Adelaide City.

On Saturday negotiations with Marconi broke down.

It is understood that Marconi offered a package deal of about \$12,000 plus Bertie Mariani in exchange.

However, the Adelaide club wanted cash and next day clinched the deal with Sydney City.

Thus the ex-Brazilian and ex-Socceroo has come "home."

In the early 1970s he joined Hakoah, was loaned to Pan Hellenic, returned to Hakoah and in 1978 was transferred to Adelaide.



In 1971, while with Hakoah, Muniz decided to shave his head that's him here...

Footscray won't lie down to die

The pundits are already writing off Footscray as certainties to struggle in the PSL this year.

Admittedly the team is preparing for a hard season but there is movement within the fold and the club is alive and kicking.

Cedo Cirkovic, a staunch hard working coach, is back at the helm and busily checking out likely prospects from among the lower ranks of soccer in Victoria.

The club's master stroke might be their enlisting of Tony Vella as the second team's coach.

Vella, a former top midfielder with George Cross, Footscray and Green Gully has been coaching a team through the junior ranks from under-9s all the way up to Under-19s.

The team (at Green Gully) has now reached near maturity and a number of them are expected to follow him to his new haunt at the Eagles' nest.

One of them is his son Tony jnr. who played a number of senior games in the end of the season Victoria Cup for Gully and impressed with some solid performances in midfield.

The team's defence and midfield looks fairly solid.

• Fullback

Shaun Parton, a Victorian Youth representative, who could yet forge his way into the Australian Under-19s for the World Youth championships has been secured from Frankston City and is likely to win the right fullback spot.

In midfield Ilioski, Picloane, Slobodan Jovanovic and Vlatko Belic will fight for three positions.

But it would be wrong to paint an overly bright picture.

For a start the forward line — the club's biggest weakness for years — is in bad shape.

The club's find of last season, Paul Simic, is a certainty for one of the positions and would be ideal to play off a burly striker lurking in the box looking for crumbs.

But Dragan Vasic, hardly fits into the burly striker role with his inconsistent form despite the fact he nabbed seven goals last year.

The other position is a lottery since Zdravko Lujic, the club's hottest property, has returned to Yugoslavia and has been signed up by a first division side.

He left in November for a promised "minimum of six months" but if successful is unlikely to return here again.

—Paul Galea



ARROWS IN DRAW

The Canberra Arrows maintained their five-year record of being undefeated in pre-season friendly matches when they drew 1-1 with Canberra team Downer Olympic, a member of the newly established Southern League.

Olympic drew ahead in the 11th minute with a goal by Phil Williamson but the Arrows drew even after Don Maclaren slotted the ball home after a goal mouth melee in the 73rd minute.

Downer's hard and effective tackling in defence and calmness when in possession frustrated the attempts by the Arrows to control the game.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Gary MEIER	Goalkeeper	25	Pan Hellenic Juniors
2	Danny MOULIS	Fullback	20	Canberra City
3	Mike CROSS	Midfielder	25	Stockport, UK
4	Ken WILSON	Sweeper	23	Albion Rovers, UK
5	Ian ROWDEN	Stopper	20	Western Suburbs
6	Peter KATHOLOS	Midfielder	20	St. George
7	Hussein HOUSSEINI	Midfielder	27	In Tehran, Iran
8	David CORK	Midfielder	21	Doncaster, UK
9	Tommy GAVIN	Striker	20	Bradford City, UK
10	Andy SCOTT	Striker	25	Western Suburbs
11	Graham JENNINGS	Striker	21	Adamstown, NSW
12	Greg ANKUDINOFF	Defender	20	Western Suburbs
13	Bill PALMER	Defender	25	Pan Hellenic Juniors
14	Clive EATON	Striker	29	Western Suburbs
15	Jim ZIRAS	Midfielder	24	M'ville Olympic, NSW
16	Alex JAMIESON	Midfielder	23	Ipswich Town, UK
17	Bobby SMITH	Midfielder	28	Sutherland
18	Derek LAING	Striker	26	Dundee FC, UK
19	Mark KOUSSAS	Striker	18	Olympic Juniors
20	Peter WILSON	Goalkeeper	19	Olympic Juniors

SYDNEY SLICKERS

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Todd CLARKE	Goalkeeper	29	Adelaide Beograd
2	Kevin MULLEN	Fullback	27	Hakoah Juniors
3	John SPANOS	Defender	20	Windmills, W.A.
4	Steve O'CONNOR	Defender	26	Hakoah Juniors
5	Ian BRUCE	Fullback	25	Buckley Thistle, UK
6	Willie MURRAY	Striker	23	Hibernians, UK
7	Joe WATSON	Striker	29	Forfar Athl., UK
8	Murray BARNES	Midfielder	27	Hakoah Juniors
9	Ken BODEN	Striker	30	Newcastle KB Utd.
10	John KOSMINA	Striker	24	West Adelaide
11	Hilton SILVA	Striker	29	Flamengo, Brazil
12	Jim CANT	Defender	27	Marconi
13	Eddie THOMSON	Defender	33	Hibernians, UK
14	Gerardo GOMEZ	Stopper	20	Costa Rica
15	Nelio BORGES	Striker	23	Unl. of Rio, Brazil
16	Jim PATIKAS	Midfielder	17	Hakoah Juniors
17	Peter KILLEY	Striker	22	Oaken Gate FC, UK
18	Ian SOUNESS	Midfielder	22	Chelsea, UK
19	Mark TRENTER	Striker	22	Newcastle KB Utd.
20	Tony PEZZANO	Goalkeeper	20	Marrickville Olymp. NSW
21	Grant LEE	Striker	19	Hakoah Juniors
22	Chris SPANOS	Midfielder	17	Windmills, WA
23	Brett WOODS	Defender	18	Auburn, NSW

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

No.	Name	Position	Age	Previous club
1	Jim PRESTON	Goalkeeper	25	Newcastle KB Utd.
2	Peter WILLIS	Fullback	22	Wrest Pt. Hobart
3	Tony DICKINSON	Fullback	28	Lincoln City, UK
4	Chris DUNLEAVY	Sweeper	30	Halifax, UK
5	Geoff AINSWORTH	Sweeper	22	Liverpool FC, UK
6	Lee ADAM	Midfielder	23	Inglewood, W.A.
7	Dave SMITH	Striker	22	Wrest Pt. Hobart
8	John FLEMING	Midfielder	27	Lincoln City, UK
9	Clive CAMPBELL	Striker	27	Mt. Wellington N.Z.
10	John LATHAN	Midfielder	28	Mansfield Town, U.K.
11	Jack MORLANDO	Striker	19	St. George
12	Ray VLIESTRA	Defender	17	Fairy Meadow, NSW
13	Glen FONTANA	Striker	26	Wollongong Utd.
14	Billy de GRAAF	Stopper	28	Mt. Wellington, N.Z.
15	Ray MOHRING	Defender	22	Wrest Point, Hobart
16	Peter TREDINNICK	Striker	21	Newcastle KB Utd.
17	Robert HARRISON	Goalkeeper	17	Brighton, Tas.
18	Ken MORTON	Midfielder	33	Wrest Pt., Hobart.

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BLACKTOWN DEMONS v BRISBANE LIONS

Last year Blacktown made a sensational debut in the PSL: reinforced with the visiting Bobby Charlton, they hammered the Saints.

Now it's Rale Rasic who is making his debut for the club and he will do everything in his power and then some more to keep his first two points at home.

Lions will come to Sydney with a settled squad and it will be interesting to see how young Steve Hogg developed during the November tour.

Neither team has chalked up sensational results in training games; their precise form is unknown.

However, Blacktown have had more team changes in the off season which could cause them problems. Our tip: 1-1 draw.

ADELAIDE GIANTS v SYDNEY SLICKERS

Last year was the first time that the Giants managed a win and they may not be able to repeat that for a while.

Their training form has been average and now they will be without Agenor Muniz, who joined the Slickers.

The Slickers crashed in the Challenge Trophy game — but are unlikely to take the field again with an exposed defence.

Kosmina and Murray will play their first official game for the Sydneysiders — and it'll be interesting to see how the Adelaide crowd welcomes "home" their favorite, Kosmina, and maybe Muniz.

Young Pezzano should get his chance in the Sydney goal while the Giants may field one or two of their exciting youngsters, such as Villani and Signore. Our tip: Slickers 2-1.



Olympic's Palmer and St. George's Duarte in Sunday's 2-2 trial game.



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PRESTON RAMS v CANBERRA ARROWS

One knows little about the early form of the Rams (maybe Rams?) but they are likely to have prepared well for the season.

Ollerton will once again don a PSL jersey and former Soccerroo 'keeper Lou Kastner, reserve of the 1969 World Cup team, will make his PSL debut.

Canberra's heavy loss in Newcastle could well indicate that the team isn't quite ready.

Giampaolo will take time to regain his old form after his leg operation and the reorganised defence, without Moulis and Milovanovic, may also need time to settle.

Still, experience is on Canberra's side and this could be the deciding issue.

Our tip: Canberra 1-0.

MELBOURNE GUNNERS v MARCONI LEOPARDS

The match of the round, certainly for Melbourne fans.

It will be interesting to see if the Gunners (ex-South Melb. perhaps shortened to Muggers?) can continue where they left off in 1980.

Marconi have problems, with so many players on the injured list.

Yet they have plenty of talent and experience left — most notably the brilliant Henderson and Sharne.

These two can win matches with a few sudden moves, especially if left unguarded.

Our tip: Marconi 2-1.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES v SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

The two newcomers must both hope for a good start in order to raise their spirit and confidence.

The Wolves are certain to need a fair bit of time to blend into a unit and coach Morton cannot expect his charges, assembled in supermarket fashion, to click at once.

Olympians (how about Sympians for short?) have been licked into shape by Tommy Docherty who is already cracking the whip and talking about sacking six players — without asking the club about it.

Ah, for the memories of Chelsea...

Cohesion and experience is heavily on Olympians' side.

Our tip: Olympians 3-1.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS v HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

The Sydney team — how about Likers? — will parade their new chums, Hughes and Kafka and their influence on the team should be considerable.

Butler is still unfit to resume but some of the others, such as O'Connor, Woodhouse and Pullen, have already shown top form.

Heidelberg scored a stunning win last year at Lambert Park, with perhaps their classiest display.

With their team intact, they would dearly like to repeat the dose for their new coach, the veteran Manny Poulakakis.

This is going to be a mighty battle with a very close final result.

Our tip: 2-2 draw.

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS v FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

Having "transferred" the name Raiders from Marconi in the last minute, Alan Vest's vastly strengthened team should be able to start off with a resounding win.

Their 3-0 win over Canberra last week was impressive and unequivocal.

With Mountford, Sumner and Buckley propping up an already strong line-up the "brewers" may open a KB or two after the match to celebrate.

Footscray often start badly as it takes some time and effort to get the squad together.

Their star striker Lujic is still "somewhere in Europe" so it will be left to Vasic and the young Belic to grab goals.

Against the tough Newcastle defence this may be a tall order.

Our tip: Newcastle 3-1.

BRISBANE GLADIATORS v ADELAIDE HAWKS

The Queenslanders are basically unchanged from last year when they struggled throughout.

Striker Paul Wilkinson is the only notable signing, adding heights to a usually miniature striking force.

The Hawks, without Kosmina, will introduce former Sunderland player Flounders but will also be fairly unchanged.

It remains to be seen whether McGachey and Boyle make the team — and return to their 1977-78 brilliance.

Our tip: Gladiators 1-0.

SIX MAY BE A BIT TOO MUCH

— By Vic Migliaccio —

This is sure to create a new Australian record...

It's almost certain that the two PSL clubs, Adelaide City and West Adelaide will have played against each other on a total of six if not seven occasions before the end of the 1981 season.

The teams have already met in a friendly, which City won 3-1.

They could meet in the semi or the final of the current Ampol competition.

They will play on a home and away basis for the local \$5,000 Ascot Cup and for the two PSL matches and on top of all this chances are that the two could play in the Philips Cup.

One can have too much of a good thing...

Just for the record: in the last nine games between the two teams City have won eight and drawn one.

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The 1981 SASF winter season for first and second division will again be known as the Rothmans State League.

The company will still sponsor the League and a big presentation award dinner at the end of the season will be staged.

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BRISBANE

By Jim Binnie

While on the subject of the Philips Cup and the marketing of the same can anyone explain why the public must be treated to the spectacle of mismanagement that was perpetrated upon them last week in Brisbane?

They were told that two cup ties were to be played in Brisbane on February 8, one at Lions' home ground Richlands, the other at Perry Park, Q.S.F. headquarters.

(No-one explained what was wrong with Mt. Gravatt's home ground.)

The local paper took up the cudgel and slated the organisers for playing two ties on the same day in Brisbane, (18 miles apart.)

As late as Tuesday, February 3, Lions were told their game was off and had been planned for sometime in April — in Townsville!!

Now we know that there is an economic question involved but is the Philips Cup run on a "first out — home draw" basis and does the right hand know what the left is doing?

The whole mess only holds the game up for ridicule. Something has to be done!

— J.B.



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O'Donnell

BLACKTOWN DEMONS v. BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.

Past results:
1980: Blacktown v Lions
4-1.

Saturday, 4pm, at Gabbie
Stadium

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 17. Wright, 20. Lowndes. Coach: M. Carson.

Referee: T. Davies
Linesmen: B. Wilkinson,
A. Owen.



Hermiston



Marocchi

ADELAIDE GIANTS v. SYDNEY SLICKERS

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melita, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. O'Ttavi.

Past results:
1977: Adcity v Sydney
City 1-2.
1978: Adcity v Sydney
City 0-1.
1979: Adcity v Sydney
City 1-1.
1980: Adcity v Sydney
City 1-0.

Sunday, 2.30pm at
Hindmarsh

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

Referee: R. Kerr
Linesmen: J. Rossis,
J. Woodward



Souness



Ollerton

PRESTON RAMS v. CANBERRA ARROWS

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Cunningham, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Lesbirel. Coach: B. Edgeley.

Past results:
Meeting for the first
time.

Sunday, 3pm at B.T. Connor
Reserve

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 3. Stark, 4. Farrell, 5. Williams, 7. MacLaren, 8. Cole, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Valeri, 11. Brennan, 13. Brown, 16. J. O'Shea, 17. R. O'Shea, 15. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

Referee: J. Fearn
Linesmen: J. Brennan
N. Karlich



Byrne



Cummings

MELBOURNE GUNNERS v MARCONI LEOPARDS

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatis, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

Past results:
1977: Sth. Melbourne v
Marconi 1-2.
1978: Sth. Melbourne v
Marconi 0-3.
1979: Sth. Melbourne v
Marconi 1-2.
1980: Sth. Melbourne v
Marconi 3-1.

Sunday, 3pm, at Middle
Park

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 7. Raskopoulos, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 13. Muir, 16. Tomasich, 17. Coluso, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Bianco.

Referee: C. Bambridge
Linesmen: D. Voutsinas
M. Momont



Raskopoulos



Tredinnick

WOLLONGONG WOLVES v SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 3. Dickinson, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vilestra, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison. Coach: K. Morton.

Past results:
Meeting for the first
time.

Sunday, 3pm at Wollongong
Showground

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Housseini, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 14. Koussos, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

Referee: A. Boskovic
Linesmen: L. Power, R.
Barton



Meier



Wilson

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS v. HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. McAusland, 3. Skellern, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 8. Harding, 9. Pirie, 10. Leyden, 11. O'Connor, 12. McKie, 13. Kafka, 14. Bradley, 15. Bottalico, 22. Casacchia, 23. Brown, 16. Parks. Coach: W. Wallace.

Past results:
1978: Leichhardt v
Heidelberg 1-0
1980: Leichhardt v
Heidelberg 0-5

Sunday, 3pm, at Lambert Park

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 5. P. Bannon, 6. Selamidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Williams, 20. Reilly. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

Referee: P. Rampley
Linesmen: K. Small, P.
Haffey



Selamidis



Drinkwater

NEWCASTLE KB v. FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 15. Curran, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

Past results:
1978: Newcastle v Foot-
scray 1-1
1979: Newcastle v Foot-
scray 3-0
1980: Newcastle v Foot-
scray 0-0.

Sunday, 3pm at International
Sports Centre.

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 9. Picloane, 10. Vasic, 14. Belic, 16. O'Reilly, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne. Coach: C. Cerkovic.

Referee: J. Reeves
Linesmen: A. Rodway,
B. Ray



Belic



Pimblett

BRISBANE GLADIATORS v. ADELAIDE HAWKS

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. Wilkinson, 6. McVeigh, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Past results:
1977: Brisbane City v
West Adelaide 1-0
1978: Brisbane City v
West Adelaide 0-1
1979: Brisbane City v
West Adelaide 2-0
1980: Brisbane City v
West Adelaide 1-1.

Sunday, 2pm, at Spencer
Park

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymaszczyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 14. Flounders, 21. Hughes, 20. Miller. Coach: B. Birch.

Referee: D. Nugent
Linesmen: C. Amos, G.
Nicholson



Honeyman

URU'S SQUAD HAS FIVE STARS FROM 'MUNDIALITO'

THE SQUAD

RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ. Aged 24. Rodriguez was born in Montevideo and is Uruguay's No. 1, playing in the recent Mundialito/Gold Cup tournament. He played for Uruguay's victorious South American youth championship side in 1975 and made his league debut the following year. His agile performances against Internacional in the Libertadores final brought offers from several top Argentine and Brazilian sides.

Defenders

MIGUEL PEREIRA. Aged 26. Born in Artigas. A past member of the Uruguayan national squad.

JOSE HERMES MOREIRA. Aged 21. Right back. Played for Uruguay's South American youth champions side in 1979. Made his name as a striker with his previous club, Danubia, but was converted by Nacional coach Mujica. Has also played stopper and sweeper. Attracted a lot of attention during the Mundialito — in which he was sent off for scuffling with Italy's Antonio Cabrini.

JUAN CARLOS BLANCO. Aged 34. Sweeper. From Dolores. Helped Nacional to the world club title in 1971 and then moved to Spain. Played sweeper for seven years with Zaragoza before returning to Nacional. Uruguayan international — having made his debut back in 1966.

HUGO DE LEON. Aged 22. Stopper. Uruguay's new Footballer of the Year, thanks in the main to his performances in the Libertadores run. Strong and athletic — ideal for his role, which usually involves following the opposing centre forward over every blade of grass. Appeared set to join Gremio of Brazil, but a patch of poor form just before Christmas persuaded the Brazilians to delay completing the deal. Played in the Mundialito.

WASHINGTON GONZALEZ. Aged 24. Left back. Born in Florida (Uruguay). A South American junior champion in 1975, making his senior Uruguay debut a year later. Emerged as an iron-tackling defender during the Uruguayan European tour last spring. Another close-marking defender who likes to attack.

DANIEL ENRIQUEZ. Aged 22. Sweeper. Born Montevideo. Uruguayan youth international.

OSCAR AGUIRRAGARAY. Aged 21. Stopper. Born in Artigas, though family background is Basque. Joined Nacional a year ago.

Midfield

VICTOR ESPARRAGO. Aged 35 — club captain. Helped Uruguay to fourth place in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico and was a key player in the 1971 World Cup in Mexico and was a key player in the 1971 World Club Cup win. First played for Uruguay as a centre forward or outside left in 1969, but left in 1972 for Spain. Lifted the little-known Huelva club into the first division for the first time in their history but returned home to Nacional two years ago.

EDUARDO DE LA PENA. Aged 25. Tireless international who was a regular in the Mundialito. Born in Montevideo, and made his debut for Nacional four years ago. His main job is to be Esparrago's 'legs' — fetching, carrying and covering. Dangerous long-range shot.

ARSENIO LUZARDO. Aged 20. Born Treinta y Tres. Hit stardom in 1979 when his goal beat Argentina in the final of the South American youth championship, albeit played in the Centenario stadium. Now a full international with a rasping shot.

DENIS MILAR. Aged 28. Born in Rocha. Played in Spain between 1974 and 1978. Made his name originally as a centre forward with the Liverpool club of Montevideo.

HECTOR MOLINA. Aged 21. Born Montevideo. Another member of the 1979 South American youth champions.

JOSE CABRERA. Aged 23. Born Buenos Aires, Argentina. The only foreigner in the squad — and so far a perpetual reserve.

Strikers

ALBERTO BICA. Aged 22. Outside right, born in Montevideo. A Nacional youth product. Played for both Uruguay's youth and senior sides in 1977. Very fast, ideally suited to Nacional's counter-attacking system.

WALDEMAR VICTORINO. Aged 28. Centre forward born in Montevideo. Took over the mantle of Uruguay's leading domestic goal-scorer when Penarol's Fernando Morena left for Spain. Was the league's leading marksman during Nacional's recent championship win. Scored the goal which beat Internacional in the recent Libertadores final. Eyed by several Italian and Spanish clubs. Led Uruguay's attack in the Mundialito.

DARDO PEREZ. Aged 19. Winger, born in Montevideo. Equally happy on either wing. Played in the Cannes youth tournament in 1979 and twice grabbed winning goals when called upon because of injuries or suspensions during the South American Club Cup run.

JULIO CESAR MORALES. Aged 35. Left winger. Born in Montevideo. Hangs back in midfield to help organise the team. The third member of the victorious 1971 World Club Cup team still playing for Nacional — though he, too, has been abroad in between, playing for FK Austria of Vienna. Laid on both Uruguay's goals in the 2-0 Mundialito win over Holland. Was sent off in the first leg of the 1971 World Club Cup win.

Nacional's past full of glitter

It's not very often that players from a current world champion team visit Australia — even if that world title is unofficial.

But Nacional of Uruguay — full name Club Nacional de Futbol — does have five players who, early January, won the Copa de Oro, Mundialito or Little World Cup, whatever name you like.

Regrettably they will play only one match in Australia, in Melbourne, next Wednesday evening.

However, thanks to Channel O, Sydney fans will see the game on TV — and other centres may get the video a bit later.

Nacional is one of the giants of the tiny Republic of Uruguay, once, long before the days of military juntas, referred to as the "Switzerland of South America."

The other club is Club Atletico Penarol which, having been founded in 1891, can claim to be eight years older than Nacional.

Since 1901, these two have dominated Uruguayan soccer to an unprecedented degree, winning every championship title between them except eight.

The small Montevideo club of Defensor won in 1976 — but you have to go back to 1931 to find another champion (Wanderers) not provided by either Nacional or Penarol.

Nacional was founded by native Uruguayans, not migrants, and quickly adopted its name from a sailing club, Club Nacional de Regatas. For its club colors they picked red, white and blue — those of General Jose Artigas, hero of Uruguay's independence.

• 32 titles

In 1902 Nacional won its first national championship title which they repeated 32 times, including in 1980 — compared with Penarol's 35 successes.

In the early days, the club's president was also its centre half, Abdon Porte.

His allegiance to his club was so fierce that when he felt he ceased to be an effective president — he shot himself dead at the club's grounds, in Parque Central though not, as some versions claim, on the pitch and during a match.

From the late 1910s and through the 1920s, Nacional were at their peak, helping the emergence of some great stars.

These included Hector Scarone, Jose Nasazzi, Pedro Petrone, Hector Castro and Pedro Cea, all key members of the Uruguay team which swept this tiny country to two Olympic championships and the 1930 World Cup title.

Their second great side was born in the 1930s, known throughout Latin America as "la maquina" (the machine), winning the first two championships in the newly established professional league, in 1933 and 1934.

Towards the end of the 1930s, helped by the Argentinian Atilio Garcia, they again shaded Penarol, winning five successive titles up to 1943.

Jose Santamaria, the blond, rugged centre half, heralded Nacional's next epic era in the 1950s.

Later, after the 1954 World Cup finals (where Uruguay finished fourth), Santamaria "relocated" to Spain to win new fame and considerable fortune with Real Madrid. Today he is the manager of Spain's national side.

Nacional made its Copa Libertadores debut in 1962 (South America's answer to the European Cup) but lost in the semifinals to Penarol.

In 1964 they lost in the final to Independiente of Buenos Aires and three years later, again in the final, to Racing of Buenos Aires.

Similar fate was meted out in 1969 when Nacional went down again in the final, this time to Argentina's Estudiantes de la Plata.

However, in 1971 — triumph at last: they beat Estudiantes 2-0 in a play-off, after being tied in the first two matches.

This qualified Nacional to play in the unofficial club world championship final — Intercontinental Cup — against the Greek Panathinaikos, Europe's runners-up as the actual winners, Ajax of Amsterdam, haughtily declined to take part.

Nacional struggled to a 3-2 aggregate win,



Nacional's goalie Rodolfo Rodriguez, the current Uruguay international.

thanks largely to central striker Luis Artime — an Argentinian.

Some leaner years followed, with many of the stars being snapped up by foreign teams, until the club's dramatic revival which started in 1977.

Nacional plays in Uruguay's "Liga Mayor" or first division which has 12 teams and goes through a complex system.

All teams play each other once, then the top eight play another round-robin; the points from the two series are added up.

The top two finishers qualify for the following season's Copa Libertadores.

Nacional plays its home matches at the Estadio Centenario but trains at its own much smaller ground, the old Parque Central.



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REGISTRATION DAY

For the club's U-6 through to all-age teams will be held on February 7 to 14 from 2 to 4pm at Leichhardt Oval, No.2, Leichhardt.

For further enquiries ring secretary, Graham Lenehan on 82 0187, anytime.

NEWCASTLE HOPEFUL

Crowd pleasing personalities and remembered characters do not have to be world beaters in any sport.

Unfortunately, the Philips Soccer League is not over-endowed with players who have this crowd drawing magnetism.

Are players being over-disciplined in what their theoretical role is out there on the field rather than being allowed to exercise their inventiveness and flair in 'im-promptu' situations.

Long after the final whistle has sounded people may talk about an electrifying touch line dash by Peter Sharpe, a piece of footwork magic from Sydney City's Ken Boden or an overlapping run by Heidelberg's Jim Tansey.

Should not the recently formed ASF Marketing division spend more time on the exposure of personality players instead of thrusting unwanted nicknames on clubs?

Every goalkeeper in the League is a "character" in his own right. It has always been stressed that a goalkeeper is not a "normal" human being, otherwise he would never volunteer for such a role.

Defenders need not be classified as staid, composed and sober minded — how dare one put such players as the exciting Colin Curran of

Newcastle KB Utd. and Sydney Slickers' Kevin Mullen into that category.

Up front the attackers have the greater opportunity to emerge as the men who will bring these goahungry spectators piling back through the turnstiles.

One of the most interesting situations could lie at the Newcastle International Sports Centre next Sunday when Newcastle KB United line up against Footscray.

World has got around about Newcastle's six goals in two matches against Canberra City and Sydney City, coupled with sound performances in trial clashes with Wollongong and Melita Eagles.

• Goals flowing

Though only minor importance can be placed on trial fixtures, the fact that the Newcastle front runners have been scoring goals, regardless of the calibre of the opposition, is good news for the fans who had but a meagre ration last year.

Personalities could ooze out of the Newcastle line-up with frothy winger Graham Heys leading the way with his cheeky intrusions and the skilled artistry of Joe Senkalski a delight to the locals.

One of the most talked about players in trial matches has been Scottish striker Alfie Stamp.

Stamp will not make the team for the Footscray match but he will no doubt be on the bench waiting his opportunity.

As soon as Stamp trots onto the park there is an instant buzz of conversation amongst the crowd.

He seems so tall (actually 6 feet, 3 inches) and so lean, some twelve stone, that he attracts immediate attention.

Stamp played with Partick Thistle and Queens Park, studied accountancy at Glasgow University before moving to New Zealand and joining Blockhouse Bay in the National League.

He has played for New Zealand representative sides, shows fine ball skills and inherent positional sense but has still to attain a sharpness in linking up play.

But there is no doubt that he is the type of player whom the footballing public could take to their hearts if he started banging in goals.

• Crowds back?

Newcastle officials want to see a return of these crowds of over 10,000 this season and coach Alan Vest is well aware that success on the park is the main selling point.

Vest is now serving his

fourth-year with the club and again has the hard working Frank Campbell as his assistant.

• Assistant

Campbell will coach the Under-19 side in the Australian Youth League's Eastern Division which will comprise five teams from the Sydney PSL sides, two from Canberra (Canberra Arrows and the Australian Institute of Sport) together with Wollongong.

The Youth side's first game is against Sydney City as the "curtain raiser" to the Footscray match next Sunday.

— By Myles Hay

WATSON PICKED

Rudi Gutendorf has named his squad of 15 players for the match against Nacional of Uruguay next week, in Melbourne.

There are no real surprises and the only "new" face is that of Joe Watson, from Sydney Slickers.

This is the squad: Maher, Woodhouse, Perry, Prskalo, Henderson, Davidson, Tansey, Hogg, Yzendoorn, Barnes, Watson, Krncevic, Sharpe, Boden, Cole.

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

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ADELAIDE GIANTS	—	★	30/8	19/7	31/5	5/4	7/6	5/7	15/3	2/8	1/3	16/8	17/4	17/5	21/6	15/2	3/5
ADELAIDE HAWKS	—	24/5	★	22/2	13/9	6/9	28/6	23/8	9/8	29/3	12/7	26/4	8/3	10/5	26/7	14/6	12/4
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	—	12/4	7/6	★	26/7	15/2	9/8	6/9	24/5	8/3	10/5	29/3	14/6	12/7	23/8	26/4	28/6
BRISBANE GLADIATORS	—	6/9	15/2	17/4	★	19/7	1/3	5/4	5/7	3/5	21/6	17/5	2/8	30/8	15/3	7/6	16/8
BRISBANE LIONS	—	12/7	31/5	13/9	12/4	★	26/4	24/5	23/8	14/6	9/8	28/6	22/2	29/3	10/5	26/7	8/3
CANBERRA ARROWS	—	22/2	15/3	3/5	14/6	2/8	★	17/4	19/7	17/5	5/7	31/5	16/8	13/9	5/4	8/3	30/8
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	—	29/3	17/5	31/5	12/7	30/8	26/7	★	10/5	22/2	26/4	8/3	13/9	28/6	9/8	12/4	14/6
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	—	28/6	3/5	30/8	29/3	17/5	12/4	16/8	★	13/9	26/7	14/6	31/5	8/3	26/4	12/7	22/2
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	—	26/4	5/7	21/6	9/8	1/3	23/8	7/6	15/2	★	24/5	12/4	15/3	26/7	6/9	10/5	12/7
MARCONI LEOPARDS	—	14/6	5/4	16/8	8/3	3/5	29/3	2/8	17/4	30/8	★	13/9	17/5	22/2	19/7	28/6	31/5
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	—	10/5	2/8	5/7	23/8	15/3	6/9	21/6	1/3	19/7	15/2	★	5/4	9/8	7/6	24/5	17/4
NEWCASTLE KB	—	26/7	21/6	1/3	26/4	7/6	10/5	15/2	6/9	28/6	23/8	12/7	★	12/4	24/5	9/8	29/3
PRESTON RAMS	—	23/8	16/8	5/4	24/5	5/7	15/2	15/3	21/6	17/4	7/6	3/5	19/7	★	1/3	6/9	2/8
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	—	8/3	17/4	17/5	28/6	16/8	12/7	3/5	2/8	31/5	12/4	22/2	30/8	14/6	★	29/3	13/9
SYDNEY SLICKERS	—	13/9	1/3	2/8	22/2	17/4	21/6	19/7	5/4	16/8	15/3	30/8	3/5	31/5	5/7	★	17/5
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	—	9/8	19/7	15/3	10/5	21/6	24/5	1/3	7/6	5/4	6/9	26/7	5/7	26/4	15/2	23/8	★

★ All dates Sundays — but some matches will be on Saturdays.
 ★★ April 17 is Easter Weekend — matches will be spread over April 17-20.
 ★★★ April 26 round and some others may be changed due to World Cup commitment.

No room at top

Predicting the outcome of a championship has always been a hazardous business; this is especially true of the 1981 Philips League.

The League has been increased from 14 to 16 teams, extending the season by four rounds — so physical preparations will weigh heavily towards the end.

Another shift in the balance will come about through the presence of a team from Wollongong, south of Sydney and a fourth Melbourne club, Preston Rams.

This will benefit the Melbourne clubs — who have an extra "away" match at home — but will place an extra burden on Wollongong who will have to travel 15 times — like Newcastle and Canberra.

How will the PSL shape in 1981, who will dominate the scene, who will win — and who will go out?

On factors known today, it's difficult to imagine that anybody might disturb the almost traditional three-way battle royal of Sydney City, Marconi and Heidelberg.

Sydney City have lost John Stevenson but gained Willie Murray, John Kosmina and Agenor Muniz and, on paper anyway, look stronger than last term.

They also have considerable depth in reserves and a very solid and

affluent organisation.

Marconi have changed coaches in the off-season (Blanco for Scheinflug), saw the departure of Vieri for Italy and are riddled with serious injury cases (Degney, Jankovics, Hunter, Lindsay) which, at the start anyway, could hamper them.

• Youngsters

However, they have some brilliant young talent and after April or May, can call on youth international Ian Hunter, too.

Well backed by Datsun and capably managed, Marconi look as powerful as ever.

The third member of this great triumvirate, Heidelberg, are almost intact — though they could lose Yzendoorn later in the season.

McKendry was replaced as coach by Poulakakis and the club has a new, very young and probably inexperienced management.

With very little hinterland, Heidelberg are far from the affluence of the Sydney giants — yet they have what probably amounts to the most polished and skilled team in Australia.

I feel that these three will finish at the top. In what order?

That's tough to answer when perhaps a point or a goal may separate them.

Steadiness and organisation is on Sydney City's side, youthful talent points Marconi's way while experience and method would suggest Heidelberg.

I expect Marconi to finish at the top, probably from Sydney City — but wouldn't be surprised to see Heidelberg pip both of them at the post.

In the next category I place four teams: Newcastle, South Melbourne, Adelaide City and Leichhardt.

They are all too good to slip towards the bottom — but not quite good enough perhaps to reach the top.

Newcastle's gains are considerable: Buckley and Mountford from Britain, Sumner from New Zealand will vastly improve the team.

Run by one of the very best administrators in Australia, Newcastle have been models of solidity and consistency and this should be maintained in 1981.

South Melbourne are rather enigmatic; after a dismal 1979 season they had a tremendous revival in 1980 — with almost

the same team.

I expect them to do well again, with such a wealth of talent at their disposal which has only been increased through the arrival of John Stevenson.

• Veterans

Both Newcastle and South Melbourne could surprise and split the Top Three where, because of their veterans, Heidelberg look the most fragile.

Adelaide City have been promising such great things and delivering so little that one is apt to treat them with a degree of caution.

Deep financial problems have prevented them from adding to their squad — and now they have also lost Muniz, one of their playmakers.

Leichhardt should improve on their 1981 season. In Alan Hughes and Zdenko Kafka they have gained two excellent players.

The club seems to have finally shaken off its inertia and is determined to forge ahead; in coach Willie Wallace they have the man who could do this.

The third group of teams again has four members: Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, West Adelaide and Canberra City.

While any of them could move up into Category Two — almost

any of them could also slip further down.

Certainly, none of them looks like challenging for the top honors.

Lions are perhaps the most solid and best organised of this bunch, characterised by the consistent displays of Hermiston.

Brisbane City, so often in the throes of coaching crises have gained Dunne from Melbourne and Wilkinson from Blacktown.

West Adelaide, also with financial headaches, have added Nev Flounders from Sunderland to their squad and can count on Reynolds, McGachey, Boyle and Pillans once again — though they have lost Kosmina.

I don't think they will again finish at the bottom — but it's hard to see them regain their eminence too swiftly, either.

• High hopes

Canberra always begin a season with high hopes and even higher ambitions — then crash.

Their plight is aggravated by a huge debt hanging over the club, the pending departure of Byrne and the puzzling loss of form of the brilliant Giampaolo in 1980.

The three O'Sheas have now decided to stay put — but they lost Milovanovic and Moulis.

The bottom group appears to embrace five teams: Preston, Footscray, Blacktown, Olympic and Wollongong.

I don't want to be unkind to any and wish

them tons of luck — but, on known form and strengths, it's not possible to place them anywhere except the bottom echelon.

• Thin ice

Possibly Footscray may be best off from this group, with several experienced and skilful players in their ranks.

However, their best, Lujic, is still not back from Yugoslavia — and the club is known to be skating on thin ice, financially.

Olympic, under Docherty, have been strengthened through the arrival of Katholos, Moulis and two English youngsters.

• Tough going

Still, they are a little thin at the top in class and could find the going tough, especially in the first few weeks.

Preston can count on a fairly good crowd support which, in turn, could demand a measure of success.

Blacktown have gained Djordjevic and Milovanovic — but have lost quite a lot, most notably Harris, Turnbull, Wilkinson and Hunter.

Rale Rasic has taken on a massive assignment with them and will need all his guile to steer them to safety.

Wollongong, of course, have to start off as the rank outsiders — as Blacktown did last year.

Still, enthusiasm can cause minor miracles and that is what Ken

ADELAIDE

By Vic Migliaccio

The Adelaide City (Juventus Club) management has called a meeting of all its members and supporters to be held at the club rooms, at Olympic Sports Field, Kensington Park on Monday, February 16, at 8pm.

One of the main topics to be discussed will be the financial position of the club and what the new Committee hopes to achieve during the coming season.

Tall 20-year-old Robert Dunn from Croatia Perth, was in Adelaide last week for trial with Azurri.

A former WA youth representative, Dunn said that he liked Azurri's policy and is very impressed with Adelaide.

After four rounds and with just two rounds left of the Ampol Cup, the situation is as follows:

Group A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ad City	2	—	—	8	3	4
Para Hi	1	—	1	3	1	2
C'tland	1	—	1	3	3	2
A'tours	—	2	1	6	—	—
Group B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Div. 2	2	—	—	3	1	4
Westad	1	—	1	4	1	2
Croatia	1	—	1	2	2	2
Yth. Am.	—	—	2	—	5	—

Under the new format the winner of Group A will play the second team from Group B and vice versa, and the two winners of these semis will play in the final.

Last Wednesday night West Adelaide scored its first win of the series with a convincing 4-0 over the SA under-19 side.

Goals: Neil McGachey (2), Ian McGregor and Peter Boyle.

The other match was won by Cumberland United with a 1-0 win over Para Hills. The scorer was David Leane.

Tonight (Wednesday, February 11) Croatia will meet the U-19 team in the early match followed by Adelaide City v Para Hills.

Next week: Cumberland v Amateurs and West Adelaide v Second Division.

Morton is counting on.

The nucleus of their team is made up of former British and New Zealand players and these, for the time being anyway, cannot be evaluated.

But Wollongong would do very well indeed if they got off the bottom of the table — and then stayed off.

So what's the final order we predict?

This is a thankless task: a few will be flattered and most others offended by our "placings."

But one cannot sit on the fence and tip a dead-heat for first place among all 16 teams...

Equally, two will finish at the bottom and face relegation.

No matter which two we tipped — they'd regard it as an insult.

It's not meant to be that at all, of course — purely the conclusion of an annual exercise which, on the whole, seldom turns out to be very correct anyhow.

• Final order

This is the final order we tip for 1981:

1. Marconi
2. Sydney City
3. Heidelberg
4. Newcastle
5. Sth. Melbourne
6. Adelaide City
7. Leichhardt
8. Brisbane Lions
9. Canberra
10. West Adelaide
11. Brisbane City
12. Footscray
13. Olympic
14. Preston
15. Blacktown
16. Wollongong

THEY SAID IT...

Arsenal manager Terry Neill: "We have ceased talks with Cruyff but we're always looking for top player material. We know exactly what we want and when the chance comes, we'll buy."

Scottish ace John Robertson of Nottingham Forest: "I've decided to stay with the club. I admit I was often annoyed with some things Brian Clough had said about me. But I think I also over-reacted."

Liverpool goalie Ray Clemence: "I think Leicester, Palace and Norwich will be relegated from the first division."

Paul Breitner of Bayern Munich: "Playing for your country is an honor, you don't do it for money but for prestige. But I've had enough of that. I am a professional player who plays for money to keep his family."

France's manager Michel Hidalgo about their World Cup opponents Holland: "They were so ordinary and laborious in Montevideo that I was stunned. Unless they change dramatically, I don't fear them when we meet them soon."

Charlie George, in top form for Southampton, on the prospect of playing for the England B team: "I will say thank you but no thank you. The A-team, that's different. But I'm not breaking my neck for it either. My sole ambition now is to have fun with Southampton."

Maradona...

Diego Maradona, the swarthy Argentinian super-kid, could join River Plate soon.

The richest Buenos Aires club has offered Maradona's tiny club, Argentinos Juniors, \$4 million plus four players: Luque, Comellas, Landavuru and Dello Santos. However, the deal may yet fall through: Argentinos would prefer all cash and no exchange players — they are thinking of a round sum of \$10 million.

Barcelona are still hopeful, however, that Maradona will join them, after the 1982 World Cup.

They have signed an "understanding" with the brilliant Dieguito as well as with his club.

"This is true," admits Argentinos president Prospero Consoli, "but it's not binding."

"There are several clubs keen on signing Maradona, including two from Italy and River Plate."

"I would prefer that he stays in Argentina but we have to accept the highest bid. We need the money."

Did England miss out on something good?

Foreign news editor of the London "Shoot" magazine, Chris Davies, says England should have taken part in the recent Little World Cup.

He quotes Nottingham assistant manager Peter Taylor who shares this view.

Writes Davies: "The English FA were represented by a regional coach, Robin Russell. The FA didn't send more representatives because England weren't taking part..."

"...one wonders whether the authorities should have moved heaven and earth to be there."

"On the other hand,

had they gone, what they would have seen might have frightened them so much, perhaps it was better to have stayed home."

"England still have a long way to go to match the world's best."

Obviously, Ipswich's England fullback Mick Mills disagrees.

In the same article, Mills says:

"From what I saw on television, the football was nothing special."

This from the same Mills who, whenever WE see him on television in Australia, can't deliver a simple pass further than six metres...



Peter Taylor



Cyril Regis, England.

DOUBT ON CHARITY

UEFA and the Italian Federation have agreed (through the intervention of UEFA's Italian president) to play an Italy v Europe match in Rome on February 25, in aid of the recent earthquake victims. Some European associations are less than keen on the idea claiming that most of the funds sent to Italy for the same purpose have been stolen, embezzled or just simply vanished...The Europe team's manager is Jupp Derwall and his assistant Joe Venglos.

BELGIAN MIX

The Belgian club Lokeren has seven internationals in its team — but only two Belgians, Verheyen and Mommens. The others are Lato and Lubanski (Poland), Doblas (Czechoslovakia), Larsen (Denmark) and Gutjohnsson (Iceland).

BREITNER BACK?

After Beckenbauer, it's Breitner? The Bayern Munich star, who declined to play for West Germany after 1974, is reportedly prepared to reconsider the matter and make his peace with the Association.

ARDILES FINED

Oswaldo Ardiles has been fined by Tottenham for arriving back four days late from Argentina. Ardiles was given permission to play for Argentina in the Little World Cup, during which he missed five of the Spurs games. Then he went on a family visit — unauthorised — and returned to London on January 16, instead of 12.

GMOCHED

The former coach of the Polish national team, Jacek Gmoch, is in trouble. According to a report in the Polish paper Pilka Nozna he took nearly all the \$22,000 a private sponsor gave to him for the players who played in the opening game of the 1978 World Cup finals. Gmoch is accused of giving each player just \$10, pocketing the rest himself. Now with Greek club Ioannina, Gmoch denies the charges.

PRESS BOTCH

Things went wrong at the Press Centre in Montevideo during the Little World Cup. Just before the tournament started, there was a shortage of typewriters, desks and stationery, then there weren't enough telephones and it took hours to get connected.

FRANS UPSET

Ipswich's Dutch midfielder Frans Thijssen is unsettled. He claims that Ipswich had agreed, verbally, to let him go at the end of the season for \$160,000 — and now deny any such deal. He wants to go back to Holland where PSV, Feyenoord and Ajax are all interested.

QUAKE DAMAGE

The Italian club Avellino have not been able to stage one home match since the earthquake because their ground suffered serious damage. Now they are asking the Federation for financial assistance.

JOAO IN COLOMBIA

Joao Havelange, president of FIFA, is visiting Colombia where he is inspecting stadiums and other facilities which would be used for the 1986 World Cup. The Brazilian Havelange said he was "satisfied" with the preparations so far.

• Zaragoza of Spain are interested in signing Johan Neeskens on a "day laborer" basis: no contract but \$5,000 a match.

• The English Football League will soon vote on a proposal that, within months, matches could be played on Sunday, too — but only six of them in any given round.

• Manchester City's defender Tommy Booth, 31, has been with his club for 18 years.

• Another thirsty coach...Ford Lauderdale Strikers have sacked their Dutch coach Cor van der Hart who is having a drink problem.

• AC Torino's Dutch international Van de Korput is serving a three-week suspension for violent conduct.

• According to an English newspaper, Cambridge United's former England Youth international Ian Buckley, 27, a winger, has been transferred to Newcastle KB for \$20,000.

• Most of the top Brazilian clubs play 90 games a year and players are asking for a cut in the schedule.

ALL-TIME EURO-CHART

Champions' Cup	Cupwinners' Cup	UEFA Cup
1956	Real	—
1957	Real	—
1958	Real	Barcelona
1959	Real	—
1960	Real	Barcelona
1961	Benfica	AS Roma
1962	Benfica	Valencia
1963	Milan	Tottenham
1964	Inter	Sporting
1965	Inter	West Ham
1966	Real	Dortmund
1967	Celtic	Bayern
1968	Manchester U.	Milan
1969	Milan	St. Bratislava
1970	Feyenoord	Manchester C.
1971	Ajax	Chelsea
1972	Ajax	Rangers
1973	Ajax	Milan
1974	Bayern	Magdeburg
1975	Bayern	Din. Kiev
1976	Bayern	Anderlecht
1977	Liverpool	Hamburg
1978	Liverpool	Anderlecht
1979	Nottingham	Barcelona
1980	Nottingham	Valencia

Varadi's chance

Imre Varadi, rapidly underlining his First Division potential in the Everton strike force, was written off as a no-hoper by Isthmian League, Second Division Letchworth two seasons ago.

They let him go for just \$1,000 to Sheffield United and boss Maurice Hawkins, now at Hitchin Town, thought so little of Varadi that in his three years with the club he never offered him a contract.

Even today he is dubious about 21-year-old Varadi's ability to stay in the top flight. He explained: "I'd like to see what he's doing in a couple of seasons, because frankly I'm surprised he's made it this far."

Varadi, son of a Hungarian immigrant, is currently filling in for the injured Bob Latchford, and scoring goals into the bargain. Yet Hawkins was so openly unimpressed by the diminutive striker that after scoring a hat-trick for Letchworth one week, he was dropped for the very next match.

Everton boss Gordon Lee has been more willing to let Varadi prove himself.

"He's been adding a new dimension to the side in recent games," he said.

— From "Shoot," London.



Rinus Michels

MICHELS TO STAY

Rinus Michels has declined a fulltime job offer to take over the Dutch national team. "I am with FC Köln and intend staying with them," he said. "If I can help Holland in a part-time capacity, fine. I did it in 1974, when I was with Barcelona and we didn't do too badly in the World Cup."

ROSSI FOR SALE

Italian club Lanerossi Vicenza has an accumulated debt of some \$6 million. Their team is near the bottom of the second division. The president, Giuseppe Fraina has resigned — and installed his son, Francesco in the position. Now the club has decided that in order to reduce their staggering debt, they will sell Paolo Rossi the moment his suspension is lifted.

'Rumanian' stars for Stuttgart

The West German VfB Stuttgart's new sweeper is former Rumanian international Alexander Szatmari, 28.

Szatmari defected 14 months ago when, with his club Dinamo Bucharest, he played in Frankfurt.

The Rumanians at once suspended him for a year and wouldn't relent

even when Bayern Munich wanted to sign him for \$400,000 cash.

So Szatmari sat out the 14 months, training with Stuttgart and is now free to play again.

In Rumania he played under the name of Sarmareanu.

"I'm not Rumanian," Szatmari said last week in an interview in Stuttgart.

"My father is Hungarian, my mother German. The Rumanians simply change Hungarian names to suit themselves.

"In Bucharest, I was getting paid as a police officer. But I was as much a cop as you're a priest. It's just a cover for payment."



Alex Szatmari enjoying a pre-match lunch at Stuttgart.

ALL THE TEAMS IN EURO-CUPS

Champions' Cup

The quarterfinals of the three Euro-Cups will be played in March.

Because of the great interest in Australia, we publish here the standard teams of the 24 surviving teams.

REAL MADRID (Spain)

Garcia Remon — Isidro, Gallego, Benito (Sabido), Camacho — Angel (Garcia Hernandez), Stielike, Del Bosque — Juanito, Santillana, Cunningham (Rincon).

BAYERN MUNICH (W. Germany)

Jungmans — Weiner, Augenthaler, Niedermayer (Aas), Horsmann — Durnberger, Kraus, Dremmler, Breitner — Rummenigge, Hoeness.

RED STAR BELGRADE (Yugoslavia)

Ljukovic — Jelkic, Krmpotic, Blagojevic (Jovin), Rajkovic — Jankovic (Milosavljevic), Petrovic, Sestic — Borovnica, Janjanin, Repic.

INTER MILAN (Italy)

Bordon — G. Baresi, Canuti (Mozzini), Bini, Orlandi — Marini, Caso, Beccalossi, Prohaska — Altobelli, Ambu (Pasinato).

BANIK OSTRAVA (Czechoslovakia)

Michalik — Sramek, Vojacek, Radimec, Pechacek — Sreiner, P. Nemec, Antalic, Knapp — Lorenc (Danek), Albrecht (Licka).

LIVERPOOL (England)

Clemence — Neal, Thompson, Hansen, A. Kennedy (Cohen) — McDermott, Lee (Case), Souness, R. Kennedy — Dalglish, Johnson.

SPARTAK MOSCOW (USSR)

Dassae — Samokhine, Mirzoi, Khidiatouline, Romantsev — Chavlo, Yartzev, Sidorov (Gess) — Gavrilov, Tcherenkov, Rodionov.

CSKA SOFIA (Bulgaria)

Velinov — Zafirov, Rangelov, G. Dimitrov, Vassilev — Iliev, Kerimov, Markov — Yontchev, Djevidzov, Zdravkov (Velkov).

Cupwinners' Cup

BENFICA (Portugal)

Bento — Bastos Lopes, Laranjeira, Humberto, Pietra — Carlos, Manuel, Alves, Chalana, Sheu — Nene, Cesar.

SLAVIA SOFIA (Bulgaria)

Gugalov — Ivanov, Hajdarijev, Kostov, Efremov — Dimitrov, Alijev, Iliev — Zvetkov, Jeliakov, Alexandrov.

FORTUNA DUSSELDORF (West Germany)

Daniel — Baltes (Wirtz), Zewe, Theis, Kohnen — Weiki, Bommer, T. Allofs, Wenzel — K. Allofs, Seel.

NEWPORT (Wales)

Kendall — Walden, Davies, Oakes, Vaughan (Relish) — Tynan, Elsey, Lowndes — Gwyther, Waddle, Moore.

DYNAMO TBLISSI (USSR)

Gabelia — Kostava, Tchivadze, Khizanitchvili, Mondjiri (Tchilaia) — Darassella, Koridze (Kakilachvili), Soukavelidze — Tchekeladze, Kiplani, Chenquella.

CARL ZEISS JENA (East Germany)

Grapenthin — Schilling, Weise, Schnuphase, Kurbjuweit — Hoppe, Krause (Sengewald), Lindemann — Bielau (Topfer), Raab, Vogel (Trocha).

FEYENOORD (Holland)

Hiele — Wijnstekers, Balkestein, Nielsen, Brard — Van Til (Troost), Notten, Van Deinsen — Bouwens, Petrusson, Vermeulen.

WEST HAM (England)

Parkes — Stewart, Bonds, Martin, Lampard — Holland (P. Allen), Pike, Devonshire, Brooking — Goddard, Cross.

UEFA CUP

IPSWICH (England)

Cooper — Burley, Osman, Butcher, Mills — Wark, Thijssen, Muhren (Beattie), Brazil — Mariner, Gates.

ST. ETIENNE (France)

Castaneda — Battiston, Gardon, Lopez, Zanoni — Janvion, Larios, Platini — Rep (Paganelli), Rousey, Zimako.

AZ'67 ALKMAAR (Holland)

Treytel — Van der Meer, Spelbos, Metgod, Hovenkamp — Arntz, Peters, Nygaard — Jonker, Kist (Weiz), Tol.

STANDARD LIEGE (Belgium)

Preud'homme — Gerets, Poel, Daerden, Renquin (Plessers) — Vandermissen, Sigurvinsson, Graf, Tahamata (Oenal) — Wellens (De Matos), Voordeckers.

SOCHAUX (France)

Rust — Bonneville (Bezaz), Ruty, Djaadaoui, Posca — Benoit, Ivezic, Genghini — Anziani (Durkalic), Stopyra, Revilli.

F.C. KOLN (West Germany)

Schumacher — Konopka, Strack, Cullman (Gerber), Prestin (Willmer) — Engels (Kroth), Bonhof, Botteron — Littbarski, D. Muller, Woodcock.

LOKEREN (Belgium)

Hoogenboom — Ingels, Snelders, Deschrijver, Dobias (Verbruggen) — Somers, Verheyen, Mommens — Lato, Gutjohnsson (Lubanski), Larsen.

GRASSHOPPERS (Switzerland)

Berbig — Lauper, Egli, Meyer (Inalbon), Herbert Hermann — Wehrli, Pfister, Heinz Hermann, Koller — Zanetti (Hachler), Sulser.

Rosario wins Argentine title

Rosario Central, a provincial club, have won the Argentine national title, beating Racing of Buenos Aires in the final.

This series always follows the "Metropolitan" (mainly Buenos Aires) championship, which went to River Plate.

Despite recent international successes, the finances of Argentinean soccer are in a mess.

During the 1980 season River Plate's accumulated debt was doubled from \$1,600,000 to \$3,200,000.

On top of that, they owe the Government \$13 million for the remodeling of their stadium for the 1978 World Cup, a sum the ruling Junta would be well advised to write off as hopeless.

The capital's other favorite club, Boca Juniors, had their best ever gate takings in 1980 — yet they have debt exceeding \$2,500,000.

Things got so bad recently that a butcher and a chemist refused to supply more meat and vitamins on credit to the club.

To ease their plight, Boca have placed 12 of their first division players on the transfer list.

Tiny Argentinos Juniors are also in trouble: they just cannot afford to keep their superstar, Maradona any longer.

Last September they were given a loan by the Association to sign a new contract with Maradona — and they couldn't even start paying the instalments.

So Maradona is likely to go — but which of the broke clubs is willing to plunge into even heavier debts for him?



Mario Kempes

BRIEFLY...

• Don't ever say the Germans don't plan ahead: their Association (DFB) has already announced that should their team win the 1982 World Cup, each player would receive a \$40,000 bonus.

• The new fashion craze among British clubs is to take a team between matches for a three-day stay in Spain's Costa del Sol.

• A record of sorts? Argentinian Pedro Valdez, 38, has played for 20 different clubs in his 20-year-long professional career.

• Manchester City's Steve Daley, originally signed for \$2,600,000 may go to Seattle, USA — for a somewhat more modest \$500,000.

• FC Bruges' star winger Jan Ceulemans was elected as Belgium's Player of the Year.

• Peru's new national coach is the infamous Juan Carlos Lorenzo, once (in the 1960s) Argentina's national coach whose teams in the last 15 years or so have been known to cause more physical violence than good football.

• Who said something about "natives of Africa...?" Well, Kinshasa has a stadium with a capacity of 120,000.

• West German Gerd Zimmerman will move from Houston to the Canadian Calgary Boomers and ex-Hungarian international Jozsef Horvath from the disbanded Washington Diplomats to San Jose, in the US NASL.

• The first Soviet player permitted to play abroad, Anatoli Sintchenko, 31, is appearing for Rapid Vienna — as an amateur, getting no salary, no bonuses but only expenses. If you believe that...

• Why did 35 out of the 36 accused in the Italian "Betting Scandal" escape prison sentence? The court ruled that, under Italian law, match fixing is not a criminal offence...

• A favorite trick of Colombian spectators is that when their team's goal is under serious threat — they throw a few spare balls on the pitch whereupon play has to stop.

• Hamburg and their dismissed coach Branko Zebec are having a legal argument about the sum due to him. Zebec was sacked six months before the end of his contract for chronic alcoholism.

• Glasgow Rangers' Ibrox Stadium will undergo major alterations, reducing its capacity from 70,000 to 44,000 but offering more spectator comfort.

• After four successive defeats, Fiorentina of Italy have sacked their coach, Paolo Carosi and replaced him with ex-international Giancarlo de Sisti.

• Czechoslovakia's first two results in South America: 1-2 against Bolivia, 2-0 against Peru.

• Peru's ex-international defender Hector Chumpitaz has signed for the Barcelona club of Ecuador.

• Bulgarian star Petko Petkov (how could they give him that Christian name...) has signed for Austria Wien.

• Former Hungarian international Mihaly Kozma is likely to join an Austrian or Belgian club after June.

• Former FC Koln midfielder Neumann, now with Udinese, is sought by AC Milan and Torino, both offering to double his original transfer fee of \$600,000.

• Ex-captain of Holland Ruud Krol has decided not to return to Vancouver but sign a three-year contract with AC Napoli.

• Hungary's Nacional lost its first South American tour match, going down 0-2 to Nacional of Uruguay.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

Just what sort of a scrapheap is Australia in the view of some people?

Last week a Sydney newspaper quoted Canberra president Theo Moulis saying that their newly signed Dutch player, Johan Masse (or Massi?) would be a "gift for national coach Rudi Gutendorf."

Said Moulis, according to this story:

"I think Gutendorf may be interested in Massi." Then the careful reader also found out these additional facts:

- Massi (or Masse?), 25, is a Dutch national, with an Australian wife;
- He "walked in" to a Canberra training session a few weeks ago and was promptly signed.
- He is now back in Holland but will return to Canberra shortly;
- He was signed on a free-transfer;
- He is (at the same time...) "Canberra's major off-season 'buy'." (Buy? Do you buy things for free nowadays?)
- Massi (or Masse?) hasn't played for nine months.

Some gift...

THAT is what Theo Moulis recommends for the Australian national team.

Are we all nuts in Australian soccer? Do we have to quote, let alone take seriously, the arrant nonsense of some club presidents, such as Theo Moulis?

Are we so hopelessly, maddeningly inferior that a fellow, semi-retired, from a second division Dutch club, on a free transfer, should be considered, ever so fleetingly, for the Socceroos?

Good luck to Canberra with their free "buy"; let's hope Masse (Massi?) will be a tremendous asset to their team.

But Theo Moulis and his ilk should be restrained from bringing soccer into ridicule, if not disrepute with such hairbrained ideas.

While in this happily angered mood: what the heck is going on around the Socceroo team again (or still)?

Last week the ASF appointed Les Scheinflug assistant national coach (fulltime).

This, in itself, is strange after hearing Les' sordid comments on the 1980 world tour.

But let it go: a man has to live. Obviously Les has changed his mind.

Now we hear that Joe Viasits will be an adviser to the youth team (coached by Gutendorf and Scheinflug) and — wait for it — Rudi wants to enlist Tommy Docherty as a further adviser.

Are we going to have a coaching committee?

We do recall the "lovely old days" (say 1969) when the Australian World Cup team travelled to Seoul with a part-time and wretchedly underpaid coach (Viasits) and no assistant — yet won the tournament.

We also recall Rudi's idea of 1979 and 1980 that he will work alone, relying on the occasional help and guidance of State coaches.

Whatever happened to that scheme?

And why does he need an assistant and two advisers?

The World Cup is Rudi's baby. If he takes the Socceroos to Spain, he will bask in the reflected glory; if he fails, he will follow Jimmy Shoulder to the guillotine. It's as simple as that.

One man should accept the responsibility especially if he is given unprecedented facilities, conditions and salary to carry out his job.

The Socceroos will play one more match before the Anzac Day battle in Auckland and will spend about eight days in camp in two sections — does it require two fulltime coaches?

The Docherty idea is not only nonsensical but insulting, too; it looks like the desperate clutching of the most tender straws in the pending storm.

What advice can Docherty give Gutendorf? He doesn't know the players and teams — and hasn't even seen a single competitive PSL match.

Sure, they can have a discourse on the theories of soccer — but is that practical help?

Sydney — and our other main cities — have half a dozen coaches infinitely more familiar with our strengths and weaknesses than Docherty, incomparably better qualified to brief Gutendorf on

players, if it's briefing he wants.

Then there is Frank Arok, of St. George, probably the most brilliant and best qualified coach now in Australia — including Docherty and Gutendorf — whose knowledge of the game here and overseas as well as his stunning soccer brain is known only to those who have bothered to talk to him.

But Docherty as an adviser?

Don't make me laugh. Can you imagine one of our coaches visiting Britain and then being roped in by Ron Greenwood to help prepare the England team for the World Cup matches?

All the fuss about Eddie Krncevic going or not allowed to go to Zagreb Dinamo...

First: I find it hard to believe — no disrespect to Eddie — that Dinamo is serious about it.

Their fluent, short-passing style is not Eddie's cup of tea or even slivovic.

But let's assume that Dinamo really wants him, the boy is prepared to go and Marconi are ready to transfer him — who's to stop him?

There have been vague and imprecise noises for some months now that national squad players won't be allowed to go overseas before the World Cup.

How do you stop them?

In some countries where the players are fulltime professionals, the national association appears to have the right to deny international clearances for their players.

"Appears," I said — but I doubt if any such action would stand up in court in a democracy.

It certainly wouldn't stand up in an Australian court where any lawyer — even a bushlawyer like me — could argue that this was a severe and unacceptable restraint of freedom of movement guaranteed under our constitution.

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

The two national teams started their preparations for their various World Cup commitments last week, with a full-scale training match at Marconi.

Although it is still early times, a few points which will have to be rectified cropped up in both teams' performances.

The Youth team, having recently completed a tour in Israel, were fairly well conditioned and, as expected, came out full of running, trying to sweep the A-team off their feet.

And it almost worked — they were very unlucky not to be two goals up at halftime.

And this is their main problem. On at least three occasions when in excellent goal-scoring position, chances were lost by the youngsters through lack of composure in front of goal.

It's unfortunate that we don't seem able to unearth a player of the calibre of an Attila Abonyi or Dave Keddie who were two of the best finishers I have seen in Australian soccer.

The A-team's problems are of a different kind.

Many of the players are still obviously unfit because of the four-week break most of us had over the Christmas period.

But it was still disturbing that while the Youth team buzzed about, we had nobody in the side who could slow the game down.

Being the senior team, with much more experience, we should have dictated the pace of the game to suit our physical condition.

Instead, we tried to compete at their pace which was virtually impossible for some of our boys to maintain.

Luck was on our side and the game finished in a 1-1 draw.

The problems of both teams are quite serious but can and will be rectified in the next few weeks.

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The Philips League kicks off this week so I'm going to join in the fun and try to make a few predictions for 1981.

The Top Four will remain virtually the same as last year.

Sydney Olympic will be the surprise of the League and Wollongong will be moderately successful.

Wollongong's main drawback will be having to play their home matches on Wollongong Showground.

I know a bit about that area, having visited it many times over the years; my mother also hails from there.

Why the club officials couldn't settle for Woonona Oval is beyond me.

From the player's and spectators' point of view, it's a 100 percent better venue than the vast Showground.

It's like playing in the middle of Harold Park — miles from the spectators.

The Wollongong Showground is right on the beach.

When a Southerly hits the beach it'll be like being in the middle of a wind tunnel.

Then you'll get all the smoke from Port Kembla across the Bay swept over the ground — on occasions you'll be lucky to see the pitch.

★ ★ ★

Players to watch this year: Alan Davidson from South Melbourne, Houssein Housseini from Olympic, Willie Murray from Sydney City and our own Denis Colusso.

Colusso is perhaps the most developed of the many exciting young players coming through the ranks at Marconi and I think he'll become a regular for us this year.

The Germans, for one, never dared take this drastic step: Breitner, Beckenbauer, Bonhof, Stielike, Neumann, Schuster and others did go to play abroad, many of them just before World Cup commitments.

How could it be justified under our part-time set-up?

The solution is not to physically restrain the players from going anywhere they like — but to make it attractive enough for them to want to stay home.

Admittedly, it's more difficult. This is the same problem the Swedes, Danes, Dutch, Austrians and hosts of South American countries have been experiencing for some time now.

But if the ASF does attempt to deny a player an overseas clearance, they may have a lengthy and expensive litigation — which they are also likely to lose.

— a. dettre

STEAMBATH "SPECTACLE"

This game, played on a shockingly steamy Brisbane afternoon, would have had the anti-summer soccer group cheering in the aisles.

That the match, played between two local sides, on a ground equipped with excellent floodlighting, was played at the traditional time of Sunday 3pm was an indictment on the intelligence of whoever is responsible for programming these games.

So it came to pass that two teams of players, were asked to entertain 1,000 people who had been asked to pay \$3 for that rather dubious privilege on an afternoon that was better fitted to sitting under a garden hose than it was to going to a soccer match.

The irony of the situation is that TRADITIONALLY Brisbane always gets a late afternoon breeze around 5pm but obviously that, too, was an ignored piece of statistical data.

The game itself was a non-event, a shockingly bad advert for a competition the hierarchy of soccer is purported to be modelling on the English Cup.

City, starting as obvious pre-match favourites due to their personnel and their preparedness, enjoyed a huge amount of possession and yet the patient fans, sweating on their seats had to wait 25 minutes for the Philips Leaguers to put their first shot on target.

Palinkas cut loose only to see Davis parry his shot and grab it at the second attempt.

Then in the 38th minute a flash of real football opened up a Mt. Gravatt defence that was being well marshalled by Ferguson and the veteran Yuell.

McVeigh picked up a ball on the left and, cutting in, sighted Paul Wilkinson making a great diagonal run across the defence.

McVeigh played a perfectly weighted pass in front of the big striker who calmly hooked the ball into the net without breaking stride.

I think the crowd sat back to watch the slaughter but it was never to come.

City seemed content to cruise around practising their dribbling skills, most of them always beating, or attempting to beat, a man before moving the ball onwards.

This gave the Mt. Gravatt players just the little bit of extra time they needed to make a tackle, an interception, or a simple covering run.

Long before the end it was becoming more and more obvious that Mt. Gravatt were not going

to put up a serious challenge, their players were visibly tiring and even on the spasmodic "breaks" they engineered the front runners. Just couldn't find the little extra oomph that is needed to go on right to the end.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 3, Perry 3, Dunne 3, Ratcliffe 4, W. Wilkinson 3, Gaffney 3, Pimblett 3, Hamilton 3, Palinkas 3, P. Wilkinson 3, McVeigh 3.

MT. GRAVATT: Davis 4, Clark 3, Yuell 4, Ferguson 4, Corcoran 3, Fraser 3, Thomson 3, Rooney 2, Reid 3, Bohan 2, Head 2.

Replacements: J. Stewart for Rooney (62m), Kelso for McVeigh (68m).

Goals: 1-0 P. Wilkinson (38m).

Referee: J. Wood (Old.); crowd: 980.

— J. Binnie

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